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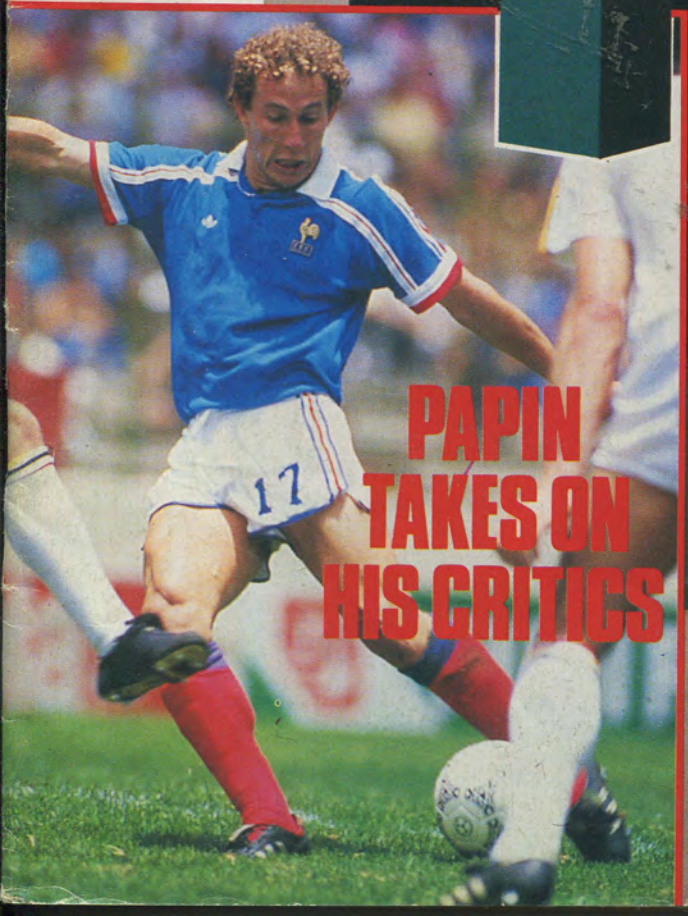

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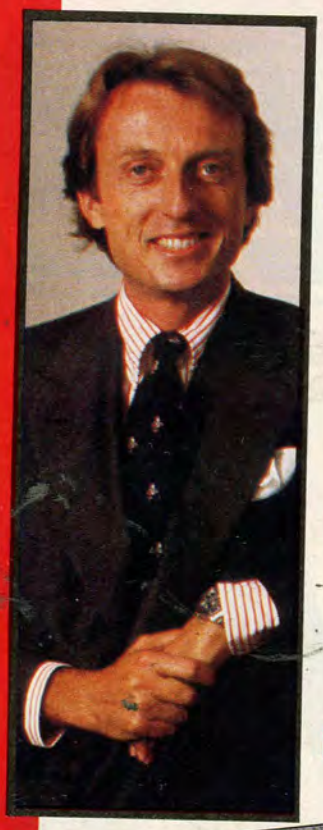

'WE WILL BE READY FOR THE WORLD'

says World Cup chief Luca di Montezemolo

Lie back, relax and think of Italy.

What immediately springs to mind? Endless sunshine; soft, undulating hills full of rich, ripe grapes; romantic bays hidden along the rocky coastline; glorious food; exquisite wine; an ancestory that records through its incredible monuments and art, the history of modern and ancient civilisation.

Now go one step further and imagine orgainsing the world's greatest footballing event, the World Cup. Exciting? Glamorous? Easy? Never.

For behind Italy's beautiful facade and progressive private enterprise such as Fiat and Olivetti, lies another face. That of politics and bureauocracy. The two are indivisible as Adam and Eve, or Romeo and Juliet or dirt and germs.

Their effect on the organisation of next year's World Cup is like a bad dose of 'flu before your University Finals. There's only one shot at producing your best but it is an immense struggle to pull it all together.

Unfortunately, if Italy doesn't shake off this particularly viral

strain it may ruin its big moment, the moment when the eyes of the world will swivel onto this evocative land, curious to see the glamour and the glory of 24 of the world's best teams competing for the ultimate prize.

What they will see will undoubtedly exite the senses, if the politicians give their help rather than than their hindrance. For they can decide anything, whether plans for a new road are passed or who wins a court case.

That is the danger: whoever has a friend in 'high places' can achieve anything.

Politicians

Thus it is the fault of the faceless politicians that most projects aligned to the World Cup, haven't even got off the ground..such as the construction of new hotels in Rome where it is almost impossible to find a hotel room when a minor exhibition hits town, or the building of a new car park near the Olympic Stadium.

It is also their fault that problems have occured during work on the new stadia, in one case costing the lives of five workmen who were in the stadium in Palermo when the roof caved in. That was a tragedy which could probably have been avoided if those responsible for appointing the construction company, ie, the politicians, had made their decision two years ago, and not at the last minute, thereby forcing work to proceed at a reckless pace.

Problems, problems and we're only seven months away from the inaugural match on June 8, 1990 in the refurbished grand San Siro Stadium in Milan.

But there is light on the horizon . . . in the shape of Luca di Montezemolo, director of Italia 90, the World Cup organising commitee. And if everything does fall in to place it will be due to his energy and commitment, his and that of the 150 people who work for him at the committee's offices spread over Rome.

Appointed for his background in international management linked to sport, you can be assured that Montezemolo will keep his part of the bargain. Innovative and creative he has drawn up an unusual blueprint to organise the greatest show on earth.

His first responisibilty is to ensure that all runs smoothly on the day, so to achieve this he has realised he would need two things, man-power and know-how.

How does one get the best personnel if one can only guarantee them work for a limited period of time? Simple by involving eight of Italy's top companies (Fiat, Rai television, Olivetti, Alitalia, Ina assurance, the Italian State Railways, Banca Nazionale del Lavora and Stet, the state telecommunications company) as official suppliers!

This committed each one to supply personnel and know-how and be responsible for their clearly defined area of operation. Thus Rai has invested millions in the new production centre near the Olympio stadium in Rome and has launched a new satellite to ensure the best possible pictures and sound coverage.

Montezemolo's other major worry is the stadia. It would have been easier to choose six cities already fairly well organised, for travel and communication. But Italia 90 decided to go for the jackpot — 12 stadia in diverse parts of italy, each with its own peculiar problems.

Predicted

As predicted, some have fulfilled their obligations with consummate ease, some have not. The Olympic stadium in Rome has been closed since June of this year and will open (so the builders insist) for the first finals match on June 9, 1990.

Palermo, as has already been mentioned, has had a disaster in the collapse of the roof supports, but it should be ready in time, with or without a roof.

The latest to express doubts as to whether work can be completed by the agreed date is Cagliari in Sardinia. But it must be said that FIFA are now happy with the way work is proceeding.

It looks as if Italy will, after all, produce the goods on the day.

By JANE NOTTAGE

The new look Olympic Stadium — ready for the finals — just.

November: the vital month

NOVEMBER is the Month of Months. All the tangles and mathematical confusions of the 1990 World Cup qualifiers are about to be unravelled before your very eyes.

That promises a stream of fascination and intrigue.

One of the major players, unusually, are the United States who must beat El Salvador for the opportunity then to take a point away to Trinidad and Tobago in the North and Central American section. Anything less and Trinidad will stride off to Italy . . . and the United States risk a slide back in to oblivion.

These qualfying matches possess a resonance which stretches beyond Italy and onto the next World Cup finals, you know where, in 1994.

Similarly, most of the European issues remain unresolved. And while the likes of the Soviet Union, Irish Republic, Belgium, Holland and West Germany all appear to face simple last hurdles the caution of Jack Charlton was not unreasonable.

He has been in the game long enough to know that strange things can happen. Remember how Spain ran up 12 goals one day in Seville against Malta to edge out a Dutch side who had apparently booked their tickets for the finals of the 1984 European championship?

Prospects

Spain figure in one extra uncertainty, regarding seeding at the finals. England and Spain were designated as 'standyby seeds' if any of the original pack (Italy, Argentina, Brazil, West Germany and the 1986 semi-finalists Belgium) failed to make it.

The prospects are that all five will be in Italy. So that leaves one vacancy. FIFA and the Italian organisers want to use it to security advantage and nominate England so they and their tarnished followers can be isolated in Sardinia.

Spain are furious. Not because manager Luis Suarez has any particular affinity for Sardinia. It's a matter of pride and practicalities. For one thing, Spain claim their countback record is better than England (both were quarter-finalists in 1986, both were second-rounders in 1982; but Spain were at the 1978 finals and England weren't). Also, to be seeded means the guarantee of avoiding Italy, Argentina, Brazil, West Germany and Belgium in the first round.

Maybe a famous FIFA compromise could be on the cards. After all, since one other European nation will have to go to Sardinia, why not call England and Spain joint seeds and send them both?

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Luca di Montezemolo

TALKS EXCLUSIVELY TO WORLD SOCCER

One of the most intelligent decisions taken by the Italians after being selected by FIFA to host the 1990 World Cup, was to appoint Luca di Montezemolo as general manager of Italia 90, the local organising committee.

Montezemolo is probably the only person who is both qualified and able to take on such an awesome task.

With a solid background in top international management, he not only knows exactly what he is doing, but, just as important, has the driving energy to carry it through — despite the practical hiccups and political pitfalls.

WORLD SOCCER: Here we are only a few months away from the start of one of the world's greatest single sporting events. How are preparations going in relation to the stadia?

'Preparations are now proceeding very well, after a late start. One of the most positive elements of this World Cup is the fact that Italy will have 12 of the most modern, comfortable stadia in the world. Not only that but all-seater, there will not be one standing place. This means we can accurately control ticket sales against the places assigned to them, so controlling any unwanted elements of the crowd. This has cost us some financial sacrifices. In the space it takes to put one seat we can have two people standing but we consider security and safety vitally important.'

What were the reasons for the tragedy in the stadium in Palermo, when 11 steel roof supports collapsed killing five workmen?

'After many, many political problems, due to the fact that the authorities couldn't decide which company should undertake the work — one political party supported one company, another supported another- work was finally started. Unfortunately, there was an accident which can happen with any building but which happened in the stadium which was already behind schedule. Therefore there are some doubts as to whether the work can be completed by the agreed date, although there shouldn't be a problem in it being ready for its first match on June 12.'

Has it been difficult for you to obtain decisions from the political parties involved in decision-making?

'Very, very difficult. As you know, Italy is a country where the length of time between the concept and the realisation of a project is very great.'

What are the positive points in deciding to use 12 cities for the finals?

'Italy is composed of many different regions and cultural habits. By using as many different places as possible, we will give visitors the chance to experience the various flavours of the different areas. The World Cup is also an unrepeatable opportunity for cities such as Palermo, Cagliari, Udine, Genova and Bologna to promote themselves as tourist centres.'

How will the visitor be entertained in 1990?

'We hope that everyone who comes to watch the football in June of 1990 will also bring their wives, girlfriends and families, because for those who are not interested in football, there are many places of interest to see, for example near Naples there are the beautifui islands of Capri and Ischia, as well as Pompeii on the mainland, the entire Northern part of the island of Sardinia has been extensively developed to enhance its natural beauty for touristic purposes, just north of Milan are the lakes and some of the most beautiful scenery in Europe. So you see we are combining tourism, culture and art with the World Cup. We want it to be interesting for all the family.'

From an organisational point of view, how are you helping the teams choose hotels and training camps for the World Cup, and how will so many nations find their way round the various World Cup centres?

'First, to help the teams we have produced a catologue detailing all the hotels and training centres that we recommend. Besides each entry there are a series of symbols indicating what facilities are available at the centre. The catalogue is also illustrated with a wide range of colour photographs indicating local places of beauty and interest and a map showing where the training centres and hotels are in relation to the city centre. When the representatives of the squads arrive in Italy to choose places to stay, they will

A new stadium is being built in Turin, while Milan's San Siro (right) is being redeveloped.

ITALY 90 HAVE SACRIFICED CA SH

Maradona — leading Argentina in the defence of the trophy.

have at their disposal both the Sports and logistics department here in Rome and the local representatives in the twelve cities where World Cup matches will be held.

'Second, in answer to how people will find their way around the cities, we have produced, in association with one of the main sponsors, Coca-Cola, a special guide to Italy.'

Another problem, of course, are the hooligans especially those from England. What action are you taking to ensure that they don't succeed in wrecking the place where England will play?

'The problem of the hooligans is a big problem, and one in which it is best to talk as little as possible and take action. Security is the responsibility of the Home Office and I know they are taking the situation very seriously. They have been in contact for a long time with police forces from various countries including England to exchange imformation. There are ways in which the fans can be controlled, one solution may be that England could play in Sardinia.

'That way if there is any trouble it would be easy to isolate the troublemakers, and it would also be easy to control the fans from the points of entry and exit to the stadium and hotels. England will be welcome in Italy in 1990 and I'm sure that for whichever city hosts the team it will be an honour to host such a prestigious team.'

Are you worried that the support services won't match your efforts?

'Yes, it is an area that worries us greatly. We can guarantee that our area of responsibilty will be executed to the highest level of efficiency, but we cannot guarantee the infra-structure ie, we can say that all the phones in the press centre will work and the computers will incorporate the latest data to offer journalists a superb work area but we cannot guarantee that when they return to their hotels and pick up the phone to call Milan or Naples that these phones will function. That is out of our control.'

A darker side of Italy is the mafia and its sister organisations, do you think there is an interest on the part of organised crime in the World Cup?

'I've no way of responding to this, we have no indication of any interest, but the World Cup certainly means that for a month the eyes of the world will be on us.''

How are ticket sales proceeding?

'Extremely well, we've already sold out of many series. Although we haven't actually consigned any tickets to anyone yet, for reasons of security we have introduced a system allowing us to control the name of people requesting tickets. In the first instance one should go to the Banca Nazionale del Lavora and request tickets, not more than four per person. A document of identification will be asked for. The person's name is then fed into a computer and the name is checked with the relevant Football Federation, in the case of ticket requests from England we check the names with the English FA. Only in May will the tickets be issued.'

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PAPIN TAKES ON HIS CRITICS

By NICK BIDWELL

MENTION the name of Jean-Pierre Papin in French soccer circles and it is likely that strong opinions will be expressed. Love him or loathe him, he leaves no one indifferent.

For Marseille supporters their 26-year-old captain is a spectacular striker of pace and productivity and emotional leader of last season's double-winning side. His detractors claim he is a conceited and argumentative player on the field, who is often guilty of wasting glaring goal opportunities and who has never performed well for France.

There is, as Papin himself admits, a kernel of truth in the assertion that he has hitherto been unable to reproduce his excellent club form for the national side.

In his 22 appearances for the 'tricolores' Papin has scored just six goals — hardly an enviable strike rate for a prolific club marksman.

"I have never really been at home in the national team," he explains. "The playing system is different to that of my club and things have not gone too well, but I still think I have something to offer".

Defence counsel for Papin would point to the fact that the Marseille number nine has never truly benefitted from an extended run for France. Often he has found himself victim of the Hoddle syndrome whereby he is first choice one moment and on the bench the next.

Neither current French manager, Michel Platini, nor previous incumbent, Henri Michel have been able to find a satisfactory forward-line formula, too often alternating between various combinations of Papin, Eric Cantona, Stephane Paille, Yannick Stopyra and Daniel Xuereb.

Thus far this season Papin has been paired with the 'bad boy' of French football, Montpellier's Eric Cantona in the French forward line. Papin points to the four goals they shared in France's recent 4-2 friendly win in Sweden, and hopes this partnership will become established.

Another brickbat thrown in his direction concerns a penchant to indulge in violent play and also, as the Norwegians discovered in an autumn World Cup tie, a tendency to effect theatrical dives in order to win penalties.

He replies that he regrets such actions but admits that sometimes he gets carried away in the heat of the moment: "At times I do things that are completely crazy," he says. But beyond the controversy which often surrounds the curly-haired striker, the undeniable fact is that Papin is a highly talented centre forward. For the past two season his totals of 18 and 22 goals respectively have bestowed upon him the honour of the French League's top marksman.

Papin's goals were instrumental last year as Marseille brought both League and Cup back to the Mediterranean port amid scenes of passionate fervour. Above all, he is a player of instinct, never hesitating to take on opposing defenders. Small and muscular of frame but extremely quick, 'JPP's forte lies in the scoring of spectacular goals.

Timing

Last season fans at Marseille's Stade Velodrome feasted on a diet of Papin's long-range strikes and incredible volleys from the most impossible of angles.

Nor is he maladroit in the aerial game, compensating for a certain lack of height by exquisite timing. The second goal of his hat-trick in the 4-3 Cup victory over Monaco was a model, as he moved to the near post in advance of his taller marker to divert Philippe Thys's right wing cross past the helpless Jean-Luc Ettori.

Since joining Marseille at the beginning of the 1986-87 season, the supporters have been totally won over by his combative and fearless style. Marseille president, Bernard Tapie revealed the esteem he has for his captain when he affirmed in a television interview that Papin would be the last to be sold.

In the eyes of team colleagues, supporters and board, Papin represents the future of the 'new' Marseille, and the number nine reciprocates in the mutual admiration stakes.

"It's true that I am enjoying myself at Marseille," he says. "I love the atmosphere and the enthusiasm of the supporters. They really encourage you to give everything on the field."

Born in the port town of Boulogne on November 5 1963, Papin's route to stardom was certainly not conventional for a French footballer.

He commenced his career as a schoolboy with Valenciennes, a small northern town club with a reputation for nurturing young talent — a previous product of the club's ranks was French international winger, Didier Six.

However, perrenial financial problems at Valenciennes meant that Papin was placed at INF Vichy, France's national soccer academy, where he remained for three years. The footballing lessons learnt at Vichy were soon put to good effect as he returned as a professional to Valenciennes and chalked up 15 goals in a Second Division campaign.

Despite this goal tally and a subsequent appearance with the French Under 21 side at the Toulon tournament, his career path took an unexpected but ultimately productive detour via Belgium.

While French clubs turned a blind eye to what was on their doorstep, Club Brugge intervened to sign the youngster prior to the 1985-86 term.

Here Papin received that helping hand of destiny when called in to replace the injured first-choice centre forward, Willy Wellens. Almost immediately he began to score the goals which helped a revived Brugge to challenge Anderlecht for the label of Belgium's premier club and also to triumph in the Cup.

Moreover, on the international scene, Papin claimed five goals in Brugge's UEFA Cup run and scored for the French Under 21 team against East Germany and Yugoslavia. Inevitably, news of the success of the Frenchman in Belgium came to the attention of French boss, Henri Michel and he gave Papin his debut in a goalless draw with Northern Ireland on a frozen Parc des Princes in February 1986.

In spite of his two remaining years of contract with Brugge, Papin declared a wish to return to France, where his wife wanted to resume her studies.

Papin himself announced that he was bound for Monaco, but at the eleventh hour the newly installed Marseille tandem of Tapie and Hidalgo persuaded him to change his mind.

Marseille president Tapie believes he has given the club the means to achieve such an ambition with the summer acquisitions of Waddle, Francescoli, Amoros, Mozer and Tigana.

His captain, Jean-Pierre Papin agreed — "We have everything here to succeed. Our crowd represents a considerable advantage in a competition like the European Cup. We must not disappoint them."

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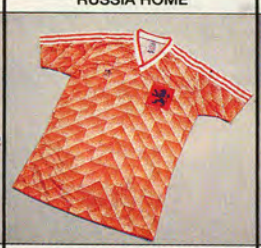
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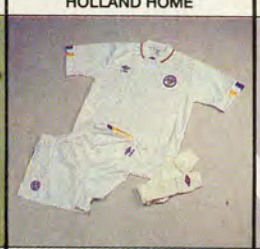
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BY ALAN FAIRLEY

TRADITION in football has always dictated that the "city derby" fixture has been the one match which, more than any other, has captured the imagination of the sporting public.

Ray Wilkins, an 84 times capped England international, is one player who can speak with full authority on the subject, having participated during a 17-year professional career in a variety of derby matches in five of the most football-conscious cities in Europe — London, Manchester, Milan, Paris and Glasgow.

Wilkins, presently earning a living with Rangers in the Scottish Premier League, indicates that, of all the derbies in which he has played, the clashes between his old club, Milan and city rivals Internazionale in the San Siro Stadium, have been, without doubt, the most memorable.

He says: "In Milan, football dominates the lives of most supporters and the atmosphere in the San Siro when the two sides meet is unbelievable. The noise is incredible with smoke bombs and firecrackers going off all the time but, surprisingly, the players don't appear affected too much by the crowd's involvement. As a result, the matches usually provide some excellent football. Its a remarkable spectacle and the fans are fired-up for weeks before the games take place."

The more homely surroundings of Craven Cottage in London bear little resemblance perhaps to volatile San Siro, but it was at the Fulham ground that Wilkins first tasted derby action, while playing for his first club Chelsea in the mid-1970s.

"With there being so many clubs in London, there are numerous matches which could be described as local derbies," he says. "But geographically Chelsea v Fulham was always the big one on the west side of the city. There was always a full house for that game, whether it was played at Craven Cottage or Stamford Bridge and I was involved in some tremendous meetings with The Cottagers during my early days with Chelsea."

Wilkins was later to take the road north to Manchester and remembers how there was always a "buzz" in the town during the build up to a fixture between United and City.

"Both sets of fans were desperate for a win in the local derby and, as a United player, I was constantly reminded of my responsibilities towards the club's fanatical supporters. As with Chelsea v Fulham matches, I have memories of some superb derby games in Manchester during my time at Old Trafford."

Following his Italian sojourn, Wilkins moved briefly to Paris St. Germain but his one recollection of a Parisian derby is tinged with an element of disappointment.

He says: "We were playing against Racing Paris in the Parc des Princes which holds 50,000 but, because the game was being televised live, the stadium was barely half full . . . and we got beat!"

Then came a surprise move to Glasgow in 1987, when he joined a Rangers team which was developing in spectacular fashion under the leadership of player/manager Graeme Souness, and with the transfer came the opportunity to play in a match which has often been described as "the greatest club game in the world" — the passionate, emotion-charged meeting between Rangers and Celtic.

In Glasgow, such encounters are more than just football matches. They encompass the added dimension of an undercurrent of in-built sectarian rivalry and the teams represent the hopes and aspirations of two polarised communities.

Wilkins plays down the sectarian aspect, stating that it doesn't get through to him on the pitch but adding pointedly that "some players are definately affected by it. It's almost overpowering."

The heat of the clash boiled over two seasons ago when four players found themselves in court on criminal charges which had emanated from on-field incidents.

When pressed for his favourite memory from a derby game during his long career, 32-year old Wilkins is definite — "my first ever Milan derby in the San Siro in 1986 when, in front of a 90,000 crowd, we defeated Inter 2-1 thanks to a late winner from Mark Hateley."

Left: The pass master in action for Rangers. Below left: Wilkins was Chelsea's youngest ever skipper at 18. Below middle: "There was always a buzz in Manchester before a City v United match." Below right: "A Milan derby is an unbelievable experience."

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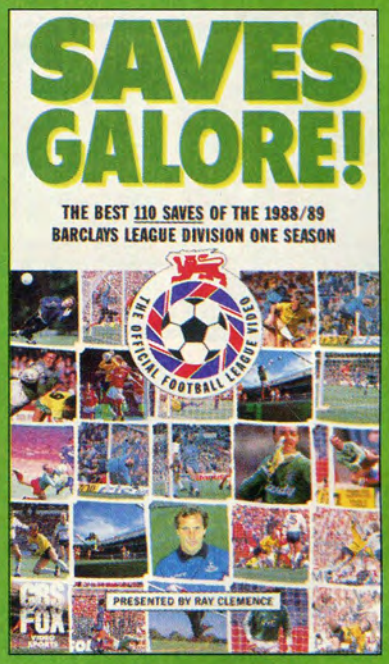

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Ugly scenes during Australia's 0-0 draw with Israel. A result that ended the World Cup hopes of the Aussies.

Aussies turn the season around

From IAN SHERWOOD

AUGUST saw the end of what many here see as a watershed season for Australian Soccer.

Melbourne JUST and Heidelberg were relegated from the National Soccer League and Marconi beat Sydney Olympic in the Championship's Grand Final.

One week later Sydney Olympic were again the losers in the NSL Cup Final. To cap an unlucky week for them, and their Scottish coach Eddie Thomson, they lost 2-0 to Adelaide City.

Thus ended the last winter season for Australian soccer. The new NSL kicks off this month — the bold move to summer soccer having been taken for many reasons. The Australian winter is not as kind as outsiders may imagine. It is prone to long stretches of the brand of torrential rain which devastated last season's fixtures.

A lesser reason, but still more important, for the move to summer is to tie in with the European season and thus make it easier for Australian internationals to play for their country by avoiding Club v Country conflicts.

The mid-season timing of the last World Cup Oceania group is seen as a main reason for Australia's failure to qualify from the group.

However the main reason for the seasonal move is to avoid direct competition with stronger spectator sports such as rugby league in New South Wales and Queensland and Australian rules football in Victoria. These games are far better organised and better publicised than Soccer and therefore have a higher support. The football authorities hope that by having the sporting media to themselves in summer they will be able to encourage more people to watch and become interested in football.

Whether or not the move has this desired effect remains to be seen but something had to be done. Of the four football codes — rugby league, rugby union, Australian rules and soccer — soccer is generally seen as the least regarded and least 'Australian'. Soccer in Australia is not in a vibrant condition.

League champions this year and last, Marconi, are the best supported team in the National Soccer League. Although their average attendance jumped 44 per cent over last season it is still only 4,375 per game. The lowest average attendance in the NSL was Blacktown City's 1,165.

Budget

There has been a better coverage of Soccer on national ABC television which helped but even so six of the NSL's 14 teams had a drop in attendance figures. Financial backing for the soccer clubs comes more from social clubs than from any other single source. Of Marconi's annual budget of £300,000 between £50,000 and £100,000 comes from their social club. Heidelberg United's budget of £110,000 includes £50,000 from their club and Blacktown's social club supplies £125,000 of its annual budget of £200,000.

If a social club were to withdraw its support, as happened to Sydney City a few years ago, the soccer club would not be able to continue and would go under. An idea of the limited finances available can be imagined from the fact that the highest transfer between two Australian clubs last year was £12,000.

Another problem for Australia is that like other less strong soccer nations it loses its best players overseas, which can only hamper growth. In 1985 only five Australians played abroad. By 1988 this had risen to eight. At the start of 1989 the number was 15 but now 23 play for foreign clubs.

Nine are in Greece, five in England, three in Belgium, two in Scotland and one each in Finland, France, West Germany and Yugoslavia. Among these are nine full internationals and others who will almost certainly be so.

The move of Australian players to Europe is so threatening that the Australian Soccer Federation will soon appoint an official agent to handle all overseas transfers. Nevertheless, such is the weak state of the game that one club, Sydney Olympic, will shortly become an official nursery for Greek club Panathanaikos for £75,000-a-year for the next five years.

Another important aspect of Australian soccer which retards its growth are the widely held perceptions that it is an effeminate game not fit for 'real men' and that it is a foreign 'un-Australian' game. The latter comment arises because most Australian NSL teams are 'ethnic' based.

After the war Australia changed its 'white Australia' immigration policy and opened itself more to non Anglo-Celtic non-English speaking immigrants. Since 1945 Australia has allowed in 381,774 Italian immigrants, 227,439 Greek immigrants, 186,308 Yugoslavs and, among many others, 24,922 Maltese.

In the 1950s many set up their own clubs and today these clubs are the biggest in Australian soccer as well as being culturally important for their respective communities.

Only two of the 14 NSL teams are not immigrant based: Blacktown City and Wollongong City.

Marconi, APIA Leichardt and Adelaide City are Italian clubs; Melbourne Croatia and Sydney represent the Croats from Yugoslavia while Preston Macedonia is a club for Macedonians from Yugoslavia; Melbourne JUST is for Yugoslavs generally and St. George Budapest is supported by Hungarians.

The Greek supporters have three teams in Sydney Olympic, Heidelberg United and South Melbourne Hellas.

Even the small Maltese community has its club: Sunshine George Cross.

Matches between many of these teams appear more like European internationals than Australian club games. Indeed for those like the Croats and Macedonians, these are national teams and for most immigrant soccer supporters they are at the least, surrogate national teams.

At the recent league decider one commentator complained that he could not see one Australian flag amongst the mass of Greek and Italian banners.

These Central and Southern European national rivalries, which can erupt into crowd violence, seem alien to the average Australian and tend to distance him from an appreciation of the game. Given this background it would take something big to shake the Aussie from his habit of watching rugby league or Australian rules.

Australian soccer has given up competing with them and is going for co-existence.

The short-term future may be difficult but there are signs of hope. The capacity 43,000 crowd for the World Cup decider against Israel showed that, given the right occasion and conditions, people can be encouraged to support soccer.

NADI ARE THE REAL GIANTS

AFTER several years in the doldrums, Nadi regained its former prominence in Fijian soccer by winning the Clash of the Giants tournament at Nasinu.

All ten of the country's first division sides participated in the four-day long event, which once again illustrated their stamina. Finalists Nadi and Suva had both played six games by the time the tournament had been completed.

In the final, a goal five minutes from the end by Nadi's Saunuka Taga annulled the controversially awarded penalty kick which David Lowe had converted ten minutes into the game.

Suva was also successful with three spot kicks in the subsequent penalty shoot out, but "The Greens" went one better and fully deserved the procession through the main street of Nadi which was staged in their honour the following day.

VICINI MUST HA BEEN EMBARRA

Azeglio Vicini

The Brian Glanville COLUMN

HOW much help do Italy need? And how much do they really want? I cannot imagine that my friend Azeglio Vicini was pleased by the outrageous piece of refereeing by the Belgian, Constantin, which changed the whole course of the game against Bulgaria, in Cesena.

The game was young, the Italian defence was split. Yordanov, with a beautfiully judged pass, sent Stoitchkov clean through, with Zenga alone to beat. His low shot was as accurate as you might have wished . . . almost. It eluded Zenga, but struck the inside of the left hand post and, as Bobby Robson remarked with wonderment afterwards, somehow contrived to run all the way along the goal line, to go out for a goal kick on the opposite side!

Worse was to come. Italy now broke away, and Carnevale, the big Naples centre-forward, challenged Iliev, a Bologna reserve, for the ball on the left flank. Under the complacent gaze of the referee, he hauled Iliev down, was inexplicably allowed to go into the penalty area, and was there brought down by an unnecessarily desperate Bankov. A penalty, coolly put away by Robert Baggio. 18 minutes had gone and Italy, instead of being a goal down, were a goal up.

That predictably knocked the stuffing out of Bulgaria. They had come to Cesena as very much the underdogs and now, had they not been a communist-atheist state, they must have been forgiven for believing that God was on the side of the big battalions. Psychology is 75 per cent of football, at least. Bulgaria went on to lose 4-0; but please note that, most significantly, the Italian sweeper defence split up twice more, once when Iliev drove in a shot which Zenga kept out with his legs, again when the Bulgarian substitute, Kostadinov, bang in front of goal, managed somehow to screw his shot around the post.

So, amidst all the rejoicing, and the pleasant, enthusiastic atmosphere generated in a small Italian provincial city which had never staged an international match before, there was cause to believe that Italy were not quite convincing, that given a little more luck, Bulgaria might have run them much closer.

Bobby Robson was much impressed by that atmosphere, and remarked what a good thing it was to have such a game in such a place, how much it helped the home team. It is plain enough that the Football Association itself is chafing under the Wembley contract, which insists that every England home match be played in the Empire Stadium.

Notorious

They didn't use to be, of course. Though England first staged the match against Scotland — an important one, then — in the early 1920's, including that traumatic defeat by the Wembley Wizards, some of the most famous international matches continued to be played on club grounds.

There was that marvellous match between England and the Austrian Wunderteam in 1932 at Stamford Bridge, the notorious Battle of Highbury against Italy in November, 1934, the game between England and the Rest of the World, again at Highbury, in 1938. Not to mention a famous game between England and Czechoslovakia at White Hart Lane in 1937, when Stanley Matthews moved to inside-right, because Jack Crayston of Arsenal was injured, scored three goals with his LEFT foot, and enabled a ten man England team to win, 5-4.

After the second world war, games continued to be played away from Wembley. White Hart Lane was also the scene of a Houdini escape by the England team, still unbeaten at home by the foreign foe, when the Italian side, rebuilt after the Superga disaster, frolicked in the fog, outplayed England and was frustrated by Bert Willams' marvellous saves, England managed to win 2-0. I saw the game,

Roberto Baggio tormented Bulgaria into submission.

'Baggiomania' w

BAGGIOMANIA was the front page headline in Rome's Corriera dello Sport, a couple fo days after the little attacker had torn Bulgaria's defence to pieces in Cesena, five days after he had scored a superb individual goal for Fiorentina in Naples, beating man after man in a sustained solo, ultimately to go past the goalkeeper.

Now the 22-year-old Baggio, slender, small, adroit, beautifully balanced, able, as the watching England manager, Bobby Robson, had said, to use left foot or right, was the new hero of the fans, the new hope for the coming World Cup. Reminiscent of the great Meazza, said one veteran journalist, except that he had more courage.

All this about a forward who was playing only because the first choice, Milan's Donadoni, had dropped out, and the mention of whose name, immediately after the match, had evoked a sour reaction from the team manager, Azeglio Vicini. Why did he have to talk about Baggio, he demanded, rather than about the game as a whole?

Penalty

Well, probably because Baggio — I was there — had been quite the most exciting thing on the field, a dazzling amalgam of pace, control, imagination and initiative, putting away a penalty with no trouble, scoring a marvellous goal after exchanging passes with Vialli, dummying and jinking his way through from the right eluding the goalkeeper, neatly making the third for Vialli, via Iliev.

Before the game, Vicini had observed somewhat dourly that Baggio was there specifically to replace Donadoni as a deep right winger. There was no chance at all he would take over in midfield from Giannini, as the schemer of the side.

T HAVE RRASSED

and won't easily forget it. Not least the sight of Riccardo Carapellese, "Carapa," the Italian outside- left, beating the ground in his despair as yet another chance went begging.

To digress, it was good to read, when I was last in Italy, that Milan and their owner, Silvio Berlusconi, were going to look after Carapellese, who had fallen on evil times. He once played for them: and for Torino. By contrast, Torino never looked after the family of Valentino Mazzola, skipper of Torino and Italy, after the Superga air crash, and paid a heavy penalty for their callousness. When the son, Sandrino Mazzola, grew up, to become a major star, he would play not for Torino but Inter.

Problems

In addition, Carapellese should benefit from a remarkable Italian law, passed four years ago, which lays down that deserving cases, athletes who have enhanced the name of Italy, can be paid anything up to £50,000 a year from public funds. As one who wrote a novel, The Dying of the Light, which dealt directly with such problems, I feel happy that the Italians have taken such an initiative, sad we have not followed them. Our old stars should not be put out to graze, and sometimes die in misery.

To return to the subject of Wembley, and international games, I talked about it before the Cesena match to the former Italian team manager, Enzo Bearzot. It was an excellent idea, he said, that friendly games should be distributed around the provinces. When it came to matches which carried two vital points, then they should be played in the centres of population.

Wembley insist they need every game they can get, not least for the ancillary rights. But how much better, fairer and more healthy it would be — and I speak as a Londoner — were England's "lesser" matches to be distributed around the provinces, were England to go back to playing in Manchester, Liverpool and Newcastle, cities which would surely be so glad to see them.

When Ted Croker took over the secretaryship of the FA in 1974, the way he talked made one think and hope he would meet Wembley head on. But 15 years later, Wembley still have their stranglehold on the England team. It isn't good for football.

Kostadinov — missed a sitter.

ia' warning for Robson

Baggio must be used to such grudging responses. After all, it was not so long ago that he was the butt of Count Pontello and his family, the owners of his club, Fiorentina. After a splendid home win a couple of season ago — it was, I think, against Juventus — the genial Count Pontello declared that Fiorentina had been playing with nine men: the "missing" pair being Baggio and the gifted Argentine centre)forward, Ramon Diaz.

As we all know, Diaz went on loan to Inter, scored goals, won a championship medal, and was then desperately courted by Fiorentina.

In the event, Diaz and Fiorentina, to the deep disappoint of the new manager, Giorgi, couldn't agree terms, and Diaz went to Monaco. When he recently scored both their goals in a home win, he sent an obscure message to Count Pontello that he was sorry to have scored them without getting an elbow in the face.

But back to Baggio. There has never been any real doubt about his shining talent, only about quite how to use it; and about his luck. This for some years was quite atrocious. Born at Caldagno, in the province of Vicenza, it was natural enough he should join Lanerossi Vicenza, the nearest big club.

By that time Vicenza, so brilliant in the days of Paolo Rossi, had fallen on hard times, and Baggio's debut was made as an 18-year-old in the third division, CI. That was in 1982/83, and not for a couple of seasons did he figure regularly in the side, making 29 appearances in CI in 1984/85, scoring no fewer than a dozen goals.

Magnate

Fiorentina bought him, but a horrifying series of injuries and operations kept him out of the team altogether in his first season in Florence and permitted him to play but five games for a single goal in season 1986/87. Only the season after that was he fit enough to play regulary; and then he fell foul of the Pontellos.

Silvio Berlusconi, the millionaire television magnate, president of Milan, wants him desperately, and it is probable that this is where Baggio will eventually go, as he has no intention he says of prolonging at the moment his present contract with Fiorentina; who, if they are to cash in on him, will have to sell him before it expires, on 30 June, 1991.

One of Baggio's problems has been just where to play him.

"When I play deep," he has complained, "they say I am too far back, and when I play in attack, they say I am too far up."

Vicini is not the only one to feel he is not really a "general," bût he is not an out-and-out attacker, either. What he needs is the role had had for Italy in Cesena, playing just behind the two attackers, but not by any means confining himself to the right touchline, where he would be ludicrously wasted.

At Cesena, we saw the real Baggio, whereas against Uruguay, some months earlier, in Verona, I saw a Baggio who was clearly forbidden the free role he needs to excel and express his true talents.

They are substantial. For days before the Cesena game, Italy had been buzzing with his goal against Naples, showing it time and again on TV, sometimes in slow motion. It showed glorious balance, pace, skill, confidence. Two Naples defenders, as he surged into the penalty box, were each in turn caught on the wrong foot, before he glided past the goalkeepr, dodging his outstretched arms, to the left, before putting the ball in the net.

"He is in my plans," admitted Vicini, after that, "but Giannini and Dona doni are untouchable." Now now, surely?

Comparisons

Modestly, after Cesena, Baggio said he was sorry if he had upset anybody's plans. In Madrid, against Atletico, a week earlier, everything had gone wrong, but this had been the best days of his life. Comparisons with Maradona, Mazzola and Meazza were all nonsense. His idol had always been Zico.

Mazzola, asked to compare Baggio with himself, said he was more agile, but not as strong. Maradona said he could do the Argentine international team some good "Baggio must be Baggio, I wish him all the luck in the world; but no comparisons, please."

None needed. Baggio will never be a Maradona, but in his own right, he is an exciting, entertaining player at a time when there are so pitifully few of them about. As for Pontellos, they point out that it was they who bought Baggio when he was injured. If only they had then stayed silent.

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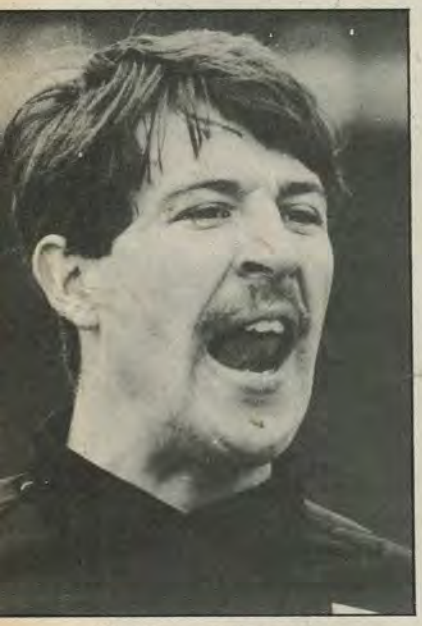
COULD MARTYN BE ANOTHER KELSEY?



Martyn — modest

THIS week I went to see Nigel Martyn play for Bristol Rovers at Orient was the week Jack Kelsey retired from Arsenal. If Martyn becomes as good a goalkeeper as Kelsey, which he might, he will be entitled to feel pleased with himself.

Not that he is ever likely to do so. He is altogether far too modest and equable a young Cornishman; 23 years old and happy just to be playing football, just to be lucky enough, as he says, to be doing something that he enjoys.

So if, by the time you read this, Arsenal or Palace or one of the other big clubs which have been looking at him and, in Palace's case, offering money, has acquired him, you can be sure he will take it in his stride. By that time, indeed, he may even have screwed up the courage to talk to the goalkeeper he so admires and whom one day he may succeed: Peter Shilton.

Here, too, Martyn is inescapably modest. There are, he says, lots of goalkeepers who would come before him, and the England team. I can't see them. They look, on the whole, an indifferent crop to me. Chris Woods showed high promise of international quality, with his massive physique, the agility which Martyn so singularly possesses. But things have gone wrong. Wretched unlucky illness, mamny injuries. That long shot from Augenthaler which flew past him at Ibrox in the Euro Cup match last September looked as if it should ahve been stopped. There have been ructions on the field, too.

Seaman is another keeper of some talent, but his temperament didn't look too solid he came on as sub to Shilton in the friendly against Denmark in Copenhagen, last June. Keepers are pretty thin on the ground anywhere and everywhere, now, though Walter Zenga has had some good games for Italy, and the young blonde Taffarel of Brazil has impressed me ever since I saw him play a couple of summers ago in the Toulon Under-21 tournament.

When Jack Kelsey played in the 1958 World Cup finals of Swedish memory, great goalkeepers were thick on the ground. He himself had a wonderful game against Brazil in the quarter-finals in Gothenburg. I was "ghosting" his autobiography at the time, saw the game, which Brazil won thanks to a wickedly deflected shot off Stuart Williams by Pele, and complimented Jack afterwards on his handling.

Amateur

"Chewing gum," he said, without the ghost of a mile. "Always use it. Put some on my hands, rub it well in." But now, he says, the huge gauntlets goalkeepers wear obviate such practices.

Kelsey, as his huge hands might testify, began as a blacksmith, in the little Welsh village of Winch Wen which, oddly enough, was to produce another Welsh international goalkeeper in Gary Sprake.

Kelsey's League debut could hardly have been less auspicious. At Highbury early in 1951 against Charlton Athletic. Hans (Hasse) Jeppson, the Swedish international playing for Charlton as an amateur, scored three times and Charlton won 5-2.

The Arsenal manager, Tom Whittaker, presented Jeppson with the match ball.

Young Kelsey's travels were not over. That following week, up the road at the Finsbury Park Empire, Arthur Lucan and Kitty McShane were playing in their Old Mother Riley act. A bedraggled figure was brought on stage. "Must be Arsenal's new goalkeeper," said Old Mother Riley. Arsenal protested, and the line was taken out.

Martyn comes from the West as well; from St. Austell. He was recommended by a local man who keeps a carpet shop, who wrote to Gerry Francis, while Nigel was playing for St. Blazey. Within half an hour, says Gerry Francis, once captain of Queeens Park Rangers and England, he knew he had another Phil Parkes on his hands, a big fellow who could get down quickly to the ball and whose temperament was admirable. Nigel played in a pre-season friendly against Gillingham, and Rovers signed him.

His one weakness, says Francis, like that of many goalkeepers, was on the crosses. Nigel thinks he still has to work on those — surprising, given his 6 foot 2, 14 stone frame. He and Francis do indeed practice them after club training is over, and Martyn also works after training on agility, with the club's physiotherapist.

He does, indeed, get down superbly to low shots. As at Craven Cottage, against Fulham, in last season's third division play off game. A most exciting, if sometimes bruising, match which I thoroughly enjoyed. It was Martyn's plunging and saving which kept Rovers in the game, early in the second half. Whereupon down went Rovers, football being the perverse game that it is, to the other end, to score an

Blurred view on violence

THE day after England's fans had run riot in Stockholm, I was telephoned back in London, by a young television researcher called Clive, working for the London Weekend Six O'Clock Live show. They were, he said, planning to include an item about the fans' violence in Stockholm, their belief being that it was so well under control now in England that the hooligans went abroad to misbehave themselves.

My own belief, I said, based not only on direct experience but on the very good information I received from those who stood on the terraces, was that in fact the violence outside the stadiums — where police were now well in control — was worse than ever.

Clive — and this, given what happened later, is an important factor — agreed a fee with me, and arranged for me to come into the LWT studio later that afternoon to have it taped, after I had given a previous interview to BBC radio World Service at Bush House, in the Strand. He then rang back to say that studio and cameras would not be available at that time; could I be interviewed the following day? A rush of blood to the head, caused no doubt by getting home from Stockholm at three that morning, led me to think Friday was Saturday, and I would be in Derby for The Sunday Times. But we arranged, provisionally, that a camera crew would be at my house the following morning, at 8.45.

When subsequently, I realised my mistake, I called Clive, who told me that 8.45 a.m. at my house would still be the time and place. A little later — it was early evening — he telephoned again and said that the Editor wanted to know what my views were. I repeated them. Somewhat embarrassed, Clive replied that in this case, they might not want to have the interview.

They didn't. A couple of hours later, Clive phoned me, more embarrassed still, to say that in the circumstances, they would definitely not be going ahead. I told him I thought it an appalling decision, and subsequently wrote to the programme's Editor, one Tony Moss. Here's part of his reply:

". . . several researchers were asked by me to find out the background to soccer trouble. The general consensus amongst reporters, police, sociologists was that the trouble had diminished at domestic games and was more concentrated at foreign trips. Your view is clearly different but did not represent our "snap poll," therefore we interviewed someone whose views were more typical of our researchers."

Which turned out, in fact, to be my own Sports Editor, who was quite entitled to his opinion.

The word opinion, however, is crucial. No "snap poll" — how many people did the programme interview? who were they? — can possibly be conclusive. If Six O'Clock Live, hardly the Panorama ot its channel, simply wanted an interviewee who would parrot their views, they had only to ascertain what I thought, promise to come back to me, and say that they would not be needing me. Not, perhaps, the most objective of behaviour, but at least the genie would have remained in the bottle, and no implicit contract would have been made.

Jack Kelsey — capped 41 times by Wales.

unexpected goal, and ultimately to run out flattered winnes, 4-0.

"A goalkeeper," that old shrewd fox, Giuseppe Moro (the man whose head Billy Wright's lob floated to score, in the Tottenham fog of 1949) "can be decisive with the saves he makes, not only by encouraging his own side, but by demoralising the opposition."

Francis didn't want Martyn to go, any more than he wanted Penrice, the quick little striker, to go. Being a manager, he said, was a distressing business. You found players, you made them, you built a team for £10,000, which you paid yourself. Then you had to let the player go. But neither of these would go for less than a million.

Back to Kelsey. Arsenal decently gave him a job running the club's commercial and pools section; so he stayed at Highbury. But he didn't coach the keepers. John Lukic, a gifted goalkeeper who has never truly attained his potentional, took no advice at any time from Kelsey and seems not have been much interested in it.

Bob Wilson, after all, was goalkeeper coach. But Kelsey was a much better keeper than either o them. Perhaps, had Lukic listened to him, he might have achieved his full potential.

By a further irony, scarcely had Clive called to deal me out of the game when I had a call from my own Deep Throat, now in the North, who described the programme's thesis as . . . well, let us censor him, as the programme censored me, and call it "rubbish." He pursued: "It's much worse, and in fact, outside the grounds, it's dangerous." That from one who has been travelling the country and standing on terraces for over 15 years.

More recently still, I was talking to a colleague who travels with Newcastle United. Theys are so bad, he said, that he and his fellow reporters, when they went to away games, had to keep their mouths shut to conceal their distinctive Geordie accents, for fear of being attacked.

The appalling violence of Birmingham City's fans at Blackpool was further solid evidence that Six O'Clock Live was hopelessly misinformed.

If the Six O'Clock Live show had wanted merely to say that the worst violence nowadays tends to take place when England play abroad, I'd have been at one with them. As I have said so many times before, England draw the worst thugs from all over the country, roughnecks, psychos and neo-Fascists whose sole object is to brawl and pillage.

To suggest there is now no opportunity for violence to exist at home is crazy.

But to proceed from there to ascribe such violence to frustration, due to the fact that there is now no opportunity for it at home was ludicrous. Not that the police even have, as I am sure they would admit, total control even inside the stadiums, despite their massive presence, and their use of closed circuit television.

I was at Maine Road that September afternoon when vicious fighting took place in the seated area behind a goal, on the occasion of the Manchester derby. Somehow or other, either with forged tickets or those bought from touts, hundreds of United fans had penetrated this City end. The police, perhaps inevitably, were caught utterly by surprise, and it was a good while before the handful of coppers station at that end were reinformed, and the United thugs cleared out.

To some extent, this was the exception that proved the rule, but let us not forget that there was ferocious behavious by Birmingham City fans at Crystal Palace late last season, inside Selhurst Park. The menace has been partially subdued in this country, it has not been conqauered. To take up a dubious theory on the basis of a so-called "snap poll," and deliberately to exclude someone who disagrees with it, seems to me quite lamentable. And that is to put it mildly.

● Apologies are due to Tony Francis, author of that excellent biography of Brian Clough. A misprint made my reference to "endless interviews" come out as "needless." They were anything but.

WORLD SOCCER QUIZ

Answers on page 25

Compiled by Steve Pearce

1 Who scored Brazil's winner in their 1–0 victory over Italy in Bologna last month?

2 Was Marco Van Basten on target for Holland in their 2–1 World Cup qualifying win in Wales?

3 Republic of Ireland international Mick McCarthy plays League football for which French club?

4 Olaf Thon left which club to join Bayern Munich at the start of last season?

5 Diego Maradona started his League career with which Argentinian side?

6 He is nicknamed the 'White Gullit' and plays for a South American country. Who is he?

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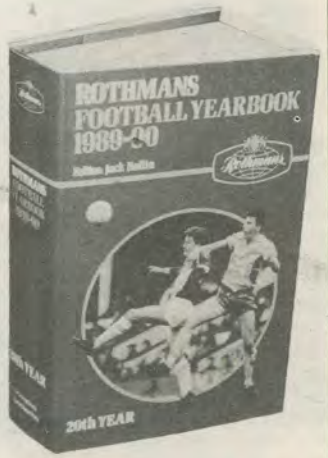

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Brazil stars move for more than mere money

From BRIAN HOMEWOOD in Rio de Janeiro

Silas — scathing attack on Brazilian soccer

IT'S not just money that makes Brazilian players leave their country to join European clubs. Bad organisation, a lack of respect for the players and the chance to experience life in a new country are among the other reasons cited by some of Brazil's exiles for their decision to go abroad.

The views of the players — known locally as "foreigners" or "Europeans" — offer some hope in that Brazilian football is not entirely dependent on an improvement in the country's economy to reduce the exodus (although this would certainly help enormously).

A bit of decent leadership and an administration that does not expect players to go through two to three games a week and that is prepared to put football above political intrigue would also do a world of good.

For all the problems they suffer as a result of the behaviour of Brazil's football "directors", the players themselves seem to take very little interest in what goes on in the boardrooms. The most they will usually say is that there has been some improvement since Ricardo Teixeira took over the leadership of the CBF and that a European-style national league would be an ideal solution for the country's football.

Of the six players who spoke to World Soccer — Silas, Jorginho, Tita, Amemao, Geovani and Ricardo — it was Silas who was most scathing about the organisation of the country's football.

He said: "There (in Portugal), there are fewer games than here and you know when the championship will start and when it will finish. In Europe the national teams are put on display. When the Portuguese team plays the country stops and there are no other games; here in Brazil, no, the national team plays and the clubs play."

"There, if you are called up for the national team you have to go: here, before one tour to Europe we were called up and we trained with eight players. One day Bismark had to go to Rio to play for his team, another day we lost Jorginho and Bebeto."

"I think in Brazil it's necessary to have more respect for the player and in Portugal there are fewer games than here. Here you have to spend a lot of time in concentration, you don't have a break. In Portugal there is concentration but the press don't have access and you have a chance to think about the game. Three or four players give a press conference and that's it — here you have to say the same thing 200 times."

Meanwhile Tita, who plays for Pescara in Italy, said of his decision to leave: "It's a very big professional opportunity. You get to know another language, another way of life." Silas also mentioned that "culturally Portugal is good for my family," Alemao, of Napoli, said that it is "important to get to know different types of football."

Jorginho blamed "lack of respect for the professional" for the exodus — "You've seen Bebeto going through all these difficulties with Flamengo not wanting to renew his contract and as far as I'm concerned it was excellent that he left the club."

Climate

"Here it is not very organised. The new administration of the CBF has improved things but there is still a long way to go."

However, it is still financial reasons which carry the most weight. According to Jorginho, he would have to play for 15 years in Brazil to earn what he will receive in his first year with Bayer Leverkusen. He said: "It's a chance to obtain my financial independence. For a player to leave a country like Brazil with it's climate, sun, beach and what have you, it has to be to earn a lot more."

Alemao pointed out that "the Brazilian clubs need the injection of cash that comes from selling a player in order to survive."

Some players believe that a proper national championship, to replace the state championships, could be the answer as it would bring more people to the stadia and therefore increase the clubs' income. Jorginho cites the first version of the Copa Uniao — the current national championship — as an example. Although it was only three months long and was not played on a

Players call for a European style league

"Brazilian clubs need to sell their stars to survive," says Napoli's Alemao

straightforward league basis "the attendances and the receipts were marvellous, there were only large teams and no bad pitches."

According to Tita "our football would improve enormously in this situation. But while this does not happen, I'm satisfied in Italy."

Alemao added that "for me this would be the ideal solution because, without doubt, it would bring a lot more people to the stadia."

Optimistic

Nobody, however, seems optimistic.

"Brazil is more like a continent in terms of size. It would create controversy and unfortunately I don't think our country can have a league as in Europe," said Ricardo. "The state championships are a necessity because of the size of Brazil. Here you have ten or twenty clubs in each state. For the big clubs it would be excellent if they did a national championship but what's going to happen to the small clubs?"

The most optimistic was Alemao, who said: "I think that before you can have a European-style league here you will have to change the mentality of a lot of people — the supporters, of the directors, of the press, of everybody. The change will have to be very slow and little by little I think this will happen."

Generally the players prefer not to worry about the organisation of Brazilian football.

"The only thing the players do is go onto the field and play. They are not in a situation to do anything in the country," said Geovani. Ricardo commented that "I'm still trying to look after myself. I haven't had time to worry about the organisation of Brazilian football."

Silas expressed a similar view — "I don't know which is the correct way to organise competitions. I never worried about this side of things." He does have one suggestion: "A reduction in the number of games is essential because if a player gets injured on a Sunday, he is not able to play on the Wednesday."

Of the 22 players in Sebastiao Lazaroni's squad for the World Cup qualifying matches, 12 are now with European clubs (including Silas and Jorginho). This means that Lazaroni will be very unlikely to have his strongest side available again until just before the World Cup.

There is a possibility that he may have some of the "foreigners" available for a friendly in Italy this month and a planned tour of Europe for next year. But this is far from certain.

As Mozer of Marseille discovered this summer, South American countries have trouble getting European clubs to release their players even for competitive matches, let alone friendlies.

ERIC WEIL'S SOUTH AMERICA

Aravena leads the imports

MEXICO, banned by FIFA from international competition, nevertheless has plenty of foreign flavour in its domestic soccer.

The federation back-tracked on its original idea of reducing the number of foreigners from four to three per team this season and the 20 first division clubs have signed 68 including Chile's Jorge Aravena, Paraguay's Julio Cesar Romero, Peruvians Julio Cesar Uribe and Franco Navarro, Uruguay's Wilmar Cabrera and Ecuador's Alex Aguinaga as well as this season's leading scorer in the Libertadores Cup, Raul Amarilla from Olimpia (Paraguay).

The foreign legion is composed of 25 Argentines, 11 Uruguayans, nine Brazilians, eight Chileans, five Paraguayans, four Hondurans, three Peruvians and one each from Ecuador, Yugoslavia (Branco Davidovic with promoted Veracruz) and the United States. The only team without foreign players are Guadalajara.

Champions, America continue under the same Brazilian coach, Jorge Vieira and there are also eight other foreign coaches — five Uruguayans, two Chileans and one Argentine.

Two games had been played in the Mexican first division at press time and Atlas — with their full quota of four foreigners, but none of them leading players — were the only club with full points. Champions America had drawn their first two matches.

Referees get the blame

THE South American zone World Cup qualifying tournaments were not very friendly affairs . . . one team walked off the field, a couple of players were jailed, others were sent off and in most cases referees were bitterly blamed for mistakes by the losing side.

And after the most notorious incident FIFA scored one of the goals which gave Brazil the vital 2-0 victory over Chile.

But in the end there were no surprises — traditionally strong Brazil and Uruguay qualified for Italy next year together with direct qualifiers and cup holders, Argentina, while Colombia, the other group winners, had a good chance of going to Italy as they were due to play off with Israel for a final place.

The Brazil v Chile clashes in group 3 produced all the fireworks as reported here last month.

The big mistake Chile made in Rio was to walk off the field after goalkeeper Rojas was "felled." There was no way FIFA would take a decision to put Brazil's participation in the finals in danger.

The flame-thrower was identified as Rosemary de Mello, a 24- year-old Brazilian fan and mother. Her story was that a man had given her a couple of flares to take into the stadium as police were not likely to search her as well as him. Inside the stadium she never saw the man again and during the match, overcome with enthusiasm, she fired one in the air, never thinking it would land on the field. Police fined her for causing a disorder, but could take the matter no further as the Chilean delegation did not lodge a formal complaint.

Embassy

The incident had two other follow-ups. The Brazilian embassy in Santiago was stoned by a mob of over 3,000 people and a new attempt a few days later after FIFA's 2-0 adjudication was frustrated by a strong police guard — and goalkeeper Rojas was put on the transfer list by his Brazilian club, Sao Paulo, because they deemed him an undesirable person.

Colombia's Carlos Perea was jailed after the match against Paraguay in Asuncion, accused by a local journalist

Continued over

Chile 'keeper Rojas lies 'injured' against Brazil

Referees get the blame (Continued)

of kicking him and the same happened to Paraguay's Jorge Nunez who was sent off in the last match against Ecuador and accused of making obscene gestures and hitting an Ecuadorian policeman. In both cases the players spent the night in jail and were released the next day.

Two coaches went before the qualifying rounds were over — Paraguay's Eduardo Lujan Manera, an Argentine, who was accused of not controlling his team, but also because he annoyed officials by not putting certain players in the team and Peru's Jose Macia 'Pepe', a Brazilian who used to play for Santos with Pele and went home, by mutual agreement when Peru lost their chance of a finals place.

After all the dust had settled, however, South American champions Brazil still looked the strongest team on the continent.

Colombia, whose players had a job getting off the field after their only defeat — 2-1 to Paraguay in Asuncion — because home fans were pelting them with oranges and coins (which is not unusual in Asuncion and may perhaps even be considered as a friendly gesture), failed to get the best out of French-based midfielder Carlos Valderrama, but were just about the best team in group two.

In spite of playing almost 40 games in a year, Paraguay gave a number of erratic performances.

The closest thing to a surprise came in group one where Bolivia won their first three games and then needed only a draw with Uruguay in Montevideo to qualify for their first World Cup finals since 1950.

Defensive

They only lost out eventually to Uruguay on goal difference, but the team, under Argentine coach Jorge Habegger, put up their best ever qualifying performance. Clearly their strength now also lies in some good players — although they generally played very defensively — not only in the altitude of La Paz as a venue for home matches.

There is no doubt however that Uruguay were the most solid team in the group, although a little short on goal scoring power they have a lot to thank little Ruben Sosa for.

He scored at least once in every game and ended up with five of their seven goals in four games. This made him joint top scorer in the South American qualifying rounds with Brazil's Bebeto. Iguaran of Colombia came next with four goals.

ERIC WEIL'S SOUTH AMERICA *(continued)*

RIVER EDGE AHEAD—DESPITE BOCA SETBACK

THE Argentine National A Division's 1989/90 season started with a lot of unattractive midfield play, few goals and nearly all 20 teams evenly matched.

After seven games seven teams were within two points of each other at the top of the table and this should make for an exciting championship at least.

The recent clash between big rivals River Plate and Boca Juniors, was a typical example. Both teams have some of the best players in the league, but the pitch appeared too big as only a narrow strip around the centre line was used for most of the game. Visiting Boca ran out 1-0 winners on their rivals' field.

It is, however, River who top the standings by one point with a 4-2-1 record and a pragmatic 6-2 goals record. The team show little punch in attack. Joint second are defending champions Independiente — who have the advantage over most teams as they have had practically the same line-up and coach for over a year — and Rosario Central who are the early season revelation and an exception to the rule as they play open soccer and go for attack.

Rosario line up a young team of players aged between 20 and 23 except for veterans Cornaglia, 39, and Bauza, 31, who has just been called back into the national team training squad. Central have also brought in a number of bright newcomers such as Perdo Uliambre (a prolific scorer), David Bisconi and Jose Chamot (who has also just been called up for

national team training).

But overall goals have been coming only at the rate of 1.6 per game and on one particularly "exciting" day there were only 10 in the 10 games.

BRAZIL: Gremio, of Porto Alegre, beat Sport Recife 1-0 in the second leg of the newly structured Brazilian Cup final after drawing the first leg 0-0 away.

The tournament was played by the 22 provincial champions and for the first time was given some importance due to the fact that the winners will play in next year's Libertadores Cup together with the winner of the national championship which has just started.

After three games Internacional of Limeira, near Sao Paulo, top one group with five points while Vasco da Gama lead the other with the same total.

In the third round, Brazilian international Bebeto, recently transferred from Flamengo, made his debut for Vasco da Gama and scored a goal in their 2-1 victory over Santos. Flamengo, with only two points from three games put their newly-acquired former Argentine international, Claudio Borghi on view for the first time to replace Bebeto.

An attacking midfielder, he made a disappointing debut and was replaced in the second half as his team lost 1-0 to Corinthians. The fans were soon chanting for the return of Zico, who retired at the end of last season and the club hoped to talk to him when he returned from playing exhibition matches abroad.

COLOMBIA: Last season's champions, Millonarios of Bogota, shared top place with Deportivo Cali and Independiente Medellin, with

Gallego — retired

Libertadores Cup holders Nacional of Medellin a point behind, with three games to go in the third stage of the Colombian professional league.

But the champions have a three-point lead over America of Cali in the general points table from which the top eight will go into a final championship round. In fact, Millonarios, America, Independiente Medellin and Atletico Junior have already qualified for this.

Meanwhile, the government's investigation into drug trafficking and its connection with soccer clubs continued as the army occupied installations of America on the suspicion that these were built by profits from drugs.

Investigations have also shown that transfers of players — including internationals such as Arnoldo Iguaran and Ruben Hernandez — figure in confiscated books of leading drug traffickers with different transfer values in different books, a common way of legalizing drug profits.

The government says that two leading drug barons figure among America's share-holders. The club says it has 2,000 share- holders and cannot check out the personal background of each one.

These problems have not stopped America, or other clubs, from continuing in the championship although America's stadium, as well as those of Deportivo Cali and Independiente Medellin were closed after crowd trouble.

ECUADOR: The second stage of the A Division ended with Macara and Filanbanco winning their respective six-team groups to qualify for the final round together with Nacional, Barcelona, Emelec and Deportivo Quito who had qualified from the previous stage.

It was an exciting finish with all six group A teams having a chance to finish top on the final day and Macara just doing it on better goal difference with a 2-0 win over Deportivo Cuenca.

In group B the top two met on the last day with Liga Deportiva Universitaria leading by a point and needing just a draw to finish top — but Filanbanco overtook them with a 1-0 win.

PERU: The Placido Galindo knock-out cup was played while the national team was engaged in World Cup qualifying action. Defensores Lima qualified for the final 4-3 on penalties after winning 2-0 and losing by the same score against Union Huaral. In the other semi-final, Universitario de Deportes beat Alianza Lima 2-0 in the first leg.

CHILE: Early action in the first division saw two provincial teams, La Serena from the north and Deportes Concepcion from the south, topping the table. The start of the championship had been postponed until after Chile ended their World Cup qualifying schedule.

FIVE-A-SIDE football is being played in Argentina by former stars representing their old clubs at Buenos Aires' biggest indoor arena and it is also being screened on TV on mid-week evenings.

The so-called Big Six — River Plate, Boca Juniors, San Lorenzo, Independiente, Racing Club and Huracan — are playing a tournament with former internationals such as Gallego, Luque, Mas, J.J.Lopez, Merlo, Alonso (the famous River Plate mid-field trio), Mouzo, Scotta, Olguin, Bertoni and Brindisi.

The tackles are flying in as Boca Juniors' 1-0 win at River Plate.

Valparaiso FC celebrate their centuary

100 up for Chile's oldest club

THE Valaparaiso Football Club — the oldest soccer club in Chile — is 100 years old, having been founded by an emigrant Briton named David Scott.

Soccer in Chile had started earlier in Valparaiso, an important port where British sailors first played although the town is built on a hill and has hardly any flat ground so the first formal games were played in the nearby sea-side resort of Vina del Mar.

Then two British community schools in Valparaiso, Mackay and Sutherland School, took up the game, but it was not played in any organised fashion until Scott stepped in.

The early years were difficult due to political unrest and then came a revolution in 1891. When order was restored in 1892 the club renewed its activity, but it was a rather exclusive team and became known as "Scott's team".

Other clubs appeared on the scene, but Valparaiso were unbeatable. In 1893 however, their town rivals, the Old Boys of Mackay and Sutherland, only lost 2-1 against them.

Valparaiso FC lined up with MacNoughton, Scott, Reynolds, Crangle, MacLaughlin, Baily, Baldwin, Millie, Chrisholm, Fleming and Lawson although by that time some Spanish names were creeping into other teams.

That same year matches between selections from Valparaiso and Santiago, the capital, began. In 1895, the Valparaiso FC was one of nine founder members of the Football Association of Chile.

Today, however, Valparaiso are not one of Chile's leading clubs and are in the second division, having never won a professional championship.

AJAX BAN CENTENAR

AJAX AMSTERDAM'S two-year European ban was inevitable. Sadly it had become screamingly obvious that the Dutch club world was about to pay a heavy price for the explosive escalation in hooliganism which has scarred the game there.

The centenary of the Dutch federation could hardly have been presented with a more unwelcome anniversary gift.

At a time when the Dutch should be basking in happy memories, European pre-eminence and World Cup expectations, the game is beset with problems as never before. The Ajax calamityh, the consequence of terrible scenes during their UEFA Cup first round return against FC Austria, was rotten icing on the cake.

Trailing by one goal from the away leg, Ajax took the match in Amsterdam into extra-time, where they conceded a vital goal which seemed likely to provide the Austrians with victory.

Shortly afterewards, the Viennese keeper, Wolfarht was struck as an assortment of missiles rained down on the goal. The Collection of pipes, iron bars, wood and stones was sufficient for the Swiss referee, Bruno Galler to abandon the match.

An hour's drive to the south, Dutch shame was compounded when the UEFA Cup tie in Rotterdam, between Feyenoord and Stuttgart, precipitated further violence and led to the arrest of 21 German supporters prior to the game, and 63 home fans afterwards.

Feyenoord, the first Dutch side to win a European tropy are in dire straits on the field as well. An early exit for both Ajax and Feyenoord illustrates the decline in fortunes of two clubs who, throughout the 1970s were synonomous with all that was good in the game.

For Ajax, it was the most shameful night in their 89-year history. "It is very sad as we have got a young and eager generation of players who could be robbed of European competition," said coach Leo Beenhakker. "The team is really broken up about this. It is hard to understand how supporters can do something that is so crushing for us."

It is an evil phenomena which psychologists and psychiatrists have tried to come to terms with for over a decade. To no avil. It has become a familiar tale of woe for the Dutch; there were over 1,000 arrests at league games last season, and the fear of all-out warfare forced the cancellation of the proposed centenary match

BY IAN MACLEOD

between Holland and England on December 13.

In some respects the invitation from the KNVB was, given the prevailing circumstances, surprising anyway. In one respect, however, it was understandable; after all, it was British textile workers at a factory win Enschede who first took the game to the Netherlands.

Or, at least a crude version of it. That was in the early 1860s, and it was to be a decade later before football finally took root when a Dutchman called Pim Muller, then at boarding school in Noordwijk, near Leiden discovered a game which was a hybrid of rugby and football. The idea did not altogether catch on — the game was none-too-subtle, and attracted a rougher element — and Muller was left to ponder on what might have been.

In 1879, while in a shop in Amsterdam, Muller by chance came across a football and, on this occasion was determined not to let the opportunity go awry.

With fresh enthusiasm and a number of friends also interested in the new pastime, Muller on October 1, 1879, founded what is now Holland's oldest club: the Haarlem Football Club. Muller subsequently translated the English rules into Dutch, and as the game became more refined, so it became more popular.

In 1889, Haarlem and nine other clubs got together to become the signatories of the Dutch Football Federation, or the KNVB as, in time it was granted royal patronage.

The early days were much as they had been in all other foreign countries where football had struggled to gain a foothold. The game was strictly amateur and was to remain so for another 65 years. It was, for those who participated, nothing more than a labour of love.

Ten years after the formation of the federation, the KNVB-beker, or the national cup competition, was introduced to complement the two amateur leagues which had been in existence since 1897. It was won, as had the first two championships, by RAP.

The championship then consisted of two divisions, east and west. Only four of the founding clubs, Sparta Rotterdam, Haarlem, Vitesse and Go Ahead, have any familiarity today; in time, north and south divisions were added and the system remained in force until the introduction of semi-professionalism in 1954.

Ajax came into being in 1900, Feyenoord, eight years later, and thus began a rivalry which exists to this day: the Amsterdammers, traditionally Jewish and affluent, the Rotterdammers, working class and with no airs and graces.

At national leve, the Netherlands' first interland, or international match, was, not surprisingly against Belgium who, for the greater part of the nation's history have been their major rival.

It was in Antwerp, on April 30, 1905, that the first meeting took place; the Dutch won 4-1, and two weeks later, triumphed 4-0 in the return match in Rotterdam. The next two internals saw Belgium gain revenge, after which the Dutch really discovered what the game of football was all about.

April Fool's Day, 1907, was one in which the joke really was on the Dutch. England, the games spiritual home still sent its missionaries to preach the gospel. Confronting the best players in the world was, even in light of an 8-1 hammering still construed as valuable education. On the same Hague ground eight years later, Holland beat England 2-1.

Although the game became much more organised with the passing of the years, little else changed. The players remained genuine amateurs and even the Netherlands' participation in the 1934 and 1938 World Cup finals, where on both occasions they went out in the first round, did nothing to lead to an improvement in standards.

AN SOURS DUTCH ARY CELEBRATIONS

Left: Ajax dominated the European Cup in the early 1970s with three successive triumphs. Above: Midfield star Johan Neeskens.

Ajax were the leading club and dominated in the period between the two wars. In the last decade of peace, the club reaped a golden harvest of success and won five champions in ten years.

It was the club's first 'golden age', and had been fashioned by English coach Jack Reynolds. English coaches were to be much vogue in Amsterdam, a factor for which Reynolds must take much of the credit.

Ajax's success brought the crowds flooding in, and the financial bonanza which ensued enabled the club, in 1934 to move into its present home, the Ajaxstadion. Reynolds, in a 30-year association with the club did a remarkable job, and to this day is still fondly remembered in Amsterdam.

But the world was on the verge of war. In 1939, Germany invaded Poland, and a year later, the Wehrmacht swept into the Netherlands to begin five bitter years of occupation. Ajax, a predominantly Jewish club was decimated.

For some life was never to be the same again. But when hostilities ceased — organised football had somehow been maintained with the exception of the 1944/45 season — picking up the pieces was a small factor in improving national morale.

Little changed during those austere times, not least the regionalised system which did nothing to enhance the standard of football. International matches were resumed in 1946, and in the period prior to re-organisation, the national team participated in some remarkable matches: 5-7 against Switzerland; 5-4 and 6-7 against Belgium.

But the brace new world was to bring into the open an all too familiary conflict between amateurism and professionalism. In 1953, a breakaway professional league precipitated the step which was to lead to the restructuring of the national game, and ultimately, make the Netherlands the major football power in the old world.

The move to professionalism was to change the face of Dutch football. Willem II, founded in 1896 and one of the country's oldest clubs won the first title of the new order in what was the last but one championship to be de4cided on a regional basis.

From the 1956/57 season, the champions came from one division: the eredivisie. That, fittingly went to Ajax who in the 30 years were to create a magnificent niche for themselves in European football.

The fortunes of Ajax and the national side were to become intertwined throughout the 1960s and 1970s. The early 60s were to be a troubled time for the club, and it was only when Rinus Michels took over as coach in 1964 that the wheel of fortune turned.

Michels transformed a decadent club into the best in the world, and certainly one of the all-time greats. The period coincided with the arrival on the scene of a gifted young man named Johan Cruyff, whose mother had once been a cleaner at the Ajaxstadion.

The combination of Michels and Cruyff was to spearhead the Dutch assault which was to culminate in successive World Cup Final defeats. Ajax came to the forefront during the 1966/67 season when, in a famous European Cup tie against Liverpool, the Dutch champions, on a foggy night in Amsterdam, thrashed their English counterparts, 5-1.

Generation

The following season, it took two enthralling matches and extra-time before Real Madrid finally beat Ajax; undaunted, the Dutch champions had an extended run in the 1968/69 season, including a 3-0 play-off victory over Benfica in Paris, before they fell at the final hurdle to a superior Milan side.

Cruyff was developing into a rare talen; but so, too, did players like Piet Keizer and Sjaak Swart, and, in time, a new generation of the most exciting talen to hit Europe in years were just about ready to unleash their gifts on an unsuspecting world.

Ajax, however, were to find their thunder stolen less than twelve months later. Feyenoord, their great rivals ahd quietly been making considerable progress; they were superbly generalled by the elegant left-footed midfielder, Wim van Hanegem, while Rinus Israel was the rock at the back.

Ajax indirectly contributed to Feyenoord's Champions' Cup win; three weeks before the Rotterdam club met Celtic in the final in Milan, the two clubs, watched by the visiting Jock Stein, played out a 3-3 draw in a meaningless end-of-season Dutch league match.

Ajax were assured of the title and the match was full of defensive erro4rs; it conveyed the impression that Feyenoord were weak at the back and, Stein, on one of the rare occasions in his glittering career, underestimated the opposition.

It was to be a costly mistake. Feyenoord more than matched Celtic in the final and deservedly became the first Dutch club to win the European Cup for the first time when Swedish interantional, Ove Kindvall scored the crucial goal in extra-time.

Dutch football had arrived. Feyenoord's reign did not last long, but they did beat Estudiantes in a bruising match to win the World Club Championships. Ajax, however, soon regained the ascendency and, boasting some of the nation's greatest ever players — Neeskens, Krol, Cruyff, Keizer and Suurbier — went onto win the trophy on three consecutive occasions.

History

Even the departure of Michels after the first win over Panathinaikos in 1971 did not undermine the club's progress. On the contrary, the appointment of the dapper little Rumanian coach, Stefan Kovacs was to prove inspirational.

Kovacs took Ajax through the greatest period in their illustrious history, further developing a club which during his two seasons at the helm was to hit new heights.

Cruyff & Co had been reared in a hard school which knew that international success was what really mattered. They knew that respect had to be earned; it was something Kovacs discovered when he arrived in the summer of 1971.

When Kovacs turned up at the training ground he was immediately shunnedby the leading players. Piet Keizer, the club captain,suddenly struck a vicious drive straight at the new coach. Kovacs reaction was instantaneous: in one movement he killed the ball stone dead and returned an equally vicious drive. Keizer smiled. The test had been passed. Ajax won the European Cup on another two occasions.

The Ajax youth policy is one of the best in the world and epitomises why the nation has been so successful. A conveyer belt of talen guaranteed to provide entertainment.

Ajax twice refused the offer to compete for the World Club Championship; the brutality encountered by Feyenoord — Joop Van Daele had his glasses broken — saw to that. However, in Cruyff's final season, the temptation was too great

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CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

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and Independent were seen off in fine style.

The success of Ajax and Feyenoord eventually rubbed off on the national sidd. The Netherlands had never been accustomed to success at international level and, having scraped messily through to the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany, were expected to do no better than moderately well.

Coached by Michels, the Dutch blossomed as the tournament progressed. They advanced to the final in glorious fashion, displaying the kind of flair which had previously been the domain of the South Americans.

Holland, some 40 years after the Austrian, Willy Meisl had propagated the ntion of "total football" in a classicbook which contained a chapter in which he outlined his ideas, calling it "The Whirl", had brought the conception to life with a brand of futuristic football rarely seen.

Michels refined the concept and brought it into line with the demands of the modern game. He looked for new variations on old themes and took from basketball, the "pressing" tactic which was crucially dependent on footballing intelligence, and operated on the simple notion that, whether or not you had possession, the most effective place was in the opposition's half — you always attacked the ball, rather than the man.

Painful

The 1974 World Cup Final should have been the nation's finest hour. Johan Neesken's penalty minutes after the start was, ultimately, more beneficial to West Germany than to the Dutch.

The early lead served only to fuel Dutch arrogance; the painful years of the German occupation during World War II, had left a million scars in a country that could never forget the horrors of enemy cruelty.

One goal ahead, the Netherlands football team sought their own brand of war reparations — and were to rue the cost. Another penalty brought the Germans level and when Muller scored what was to be the winning goal later in the half, the best team had lost the World Cup for the second time in 20 years.

In seeking to humiliate the Germans in front of their own crowd, the Dutch lost sight of their goal. Although they pounded the German defence throughout the second-half, the elusive equaliser did not come, and Holland, like the 1954 Hungarians had become celebrated losers.

Somehow, after Munich things were never to be the same again. The lure of the lire and the peseta was to bleed Dutch football of its finest talen; Cruyff was already in Barcelona, Michels and Neeskens soon followed suit and Feyenoord's UEFA Cup win in 1974 was to be the last hurrah at club level for over a decade.

The third place at the 1976 European Championships seemed to confirm the decline; qualification for the 1978 World Cup finals in Argentina was soured by Cruyff's refusal to go. Given the circumstances, finishing second was a commendable performance, but once again the Dutch had the Cup for the taking and failed to seize the opportunity.

There was not the same cavalier style in '78; Arie Haan scored two stunning long range efforts on the road to the Final, but the acrimonious events of that day, and Rensenbrink's haunted look after he hit the post in the dying stages were images that could never be erased.

It was to be a bitter aftermath. The world was changing, and as the domestic game slumped, traditional values became a thing of the past and Holland failed to qualify for the 1982 and 1986 World Cup finals.

"Today there is a major problem," Michels said. "Ten years ago we had the advantage of players who developed in the streets. They were playing in many different kinds of situations and had to survive and improvise in group games without a leader: and the most important thing of all, they were training without coaches.

"Now there is no playing in the streets — that is gone, so they have started to organise games and competitions at a much earlier age — eight years old. But they are not compensating for the quality — the instinct is missing."

Barren years followed. Ruud Krol, the country's finest ever defender had once remarked: "A generation of players like that cannot be expected tobe matched for more than a century." Krol, it seemed, had history on his side. But, by the mid-1980's, it was evident that another marvellous bunch of youngsters were set to make an impression on the global stage.

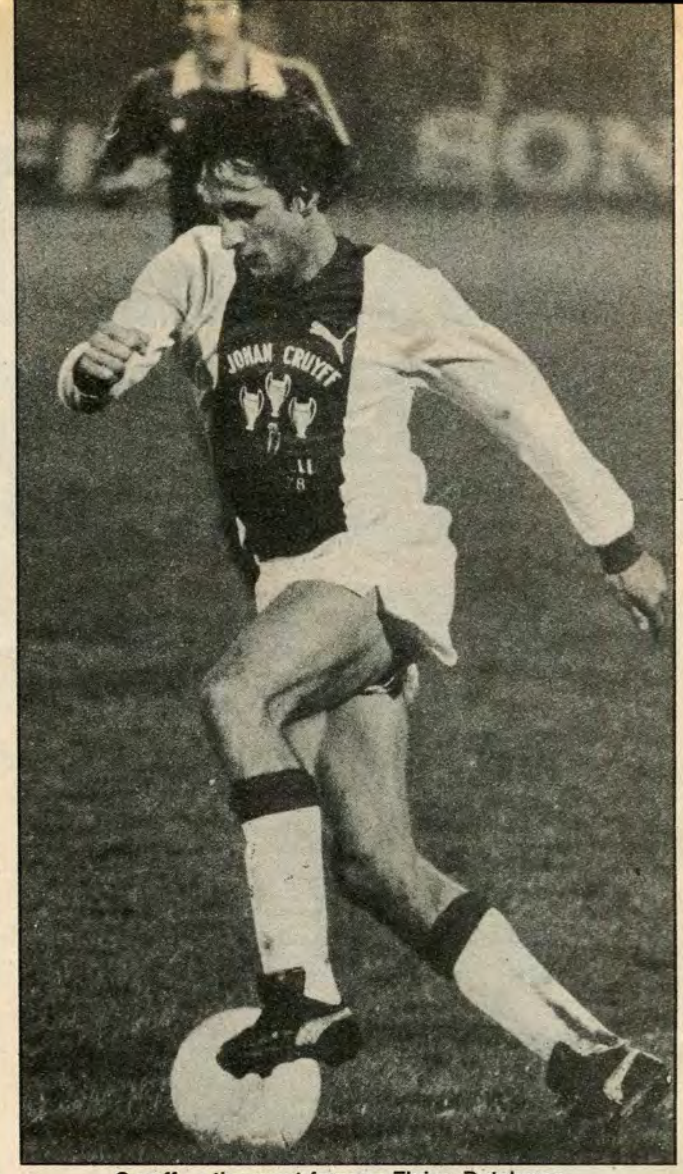
Ajax continued to be the flagship of Dutch football and, under the astute guidance of Cruyff won the Cup-Winners'Cup in 1987; but the emergence of PSV Eindhoven, the club of Philips was to bring even more glory and their Champions' Cup triumph in 1988, set the scene for the Netherlands'finest hour at the European Championships in West Germany.

By now, the names of Gullit, Van Basten, Rijkaard and Koeman had become as synonmous with entertainment as those of Cruyff, Neeskens and Krol had been a decade earlier.

Van Basten scored a hat-trick against England early on, and then on a ne'er to be forgotten night during a memorable semi-final against West Germany in Hamburg, the Dutch came from a goal behind to beat the auld enemy 2-1. Van Basten's winner in the final minute exorcised old ghosts and led to emotional scenes which were not to be repeated even after Holland beat the Soviet Union in the Final, ironically in Munich.

Gullit's header set the Dutch on their way, but it was to be Van Basten'sgoal of a lifetime, a dipping volley from an acute angle, which best served to emphasise why the nation which had given so much to the world game had once again reached the pinnacle.

On the verge of a new decade, the Dutch prognosis for the future is a curious mix of the good, the bad and the ugly: respectively, the success of the national side, the decline in the standard of the domestic game, and the endemic problem of hooliganism.



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ASIAN NOTEBOOK from Bob Pateman and Pau

HONG KONG OPENS UP FOR RANGERS' RESERVE SPENCER

Lai Sun's Scottish signing John Spencer

WITH the economy booming and the doors now open to foreigners once again, Hong Kong is scouting the world for players.

The most exciting signing has been that of John Spencer by the Lai Sun club. At 18 years of age and with 30 goals for Rangers reserves last year Spencer is obviously a player with a future.

However with Mo Johnston and Ally McCoist to contend with he was unlikely to get any first team action in Scotland this year so, on Graham Souness' advice, he is going to spend the season widening his experience in Hong Kong. Alongside him will be former West Ham and Arsenal player, Steve Walford.

Eastern have been less ambitious in their signings. Nineteen year old Darren Biggs, an apprentice at Southampton and Brentford, might still get a chance to prove himself worthy of bigger things while for goalkeeper Ricky Paskins Hong Kong is bigger things after playing non league football for Basingstoke. Paskins is, to date, the only foreign goalkeeper to be signed for the league.

Career

Peter Bodak, and old Hong Kong veteran, gave up the chance of European football with Swansea to join Seiko. He will be joined there by Chris Gallery a former Coventry reserve. South China have put their hopes in Dale Tempest. The 25 year old Leeds born player has had something of a gypsy career having spent spells with half a dozen clubs including Lokeren in Belgium. His best remembered period came with Huddersfield between 1984-6 when he hit 27 goals in 60 odd games. South Sea's other signing is a Brazilian, Toninho.

The reintroduction of foreign players has however met with mixed reaction. Coach Kwade Ka-ming expressed the view that the move would limit the opportunities open to local players, particularly those just coming through the Jubilee Sports Centre Scholarship scheme. Several of these players made their first division debut last year although none have, as yet, secured a regular first team place.

However attendance figures and gate takings last season both fell. It is hoped that a few good class players might reverse this trend.

THAILAND: As part of the Queen's Birthday celebration Thailand's top two clubs, division one champions Bangkok Bank and Toyota Cup winners Police F.C., played off for the Thai equivalent of the British Charity Shield. The Bank side, with internationals Ngapol and Paensaen, triumphed 1-0 thanks to a goal from Kajorn Poonawes.

The recent tours by British sides have attracted attention to the sad state of the national stadium. The problem is that as the only ground capable of holding a 30,000 plus crowd it is in constant demand and there is never time to repair or rest the pitch.

There are plans to build a giant new stadium to make Thailand the regional capital of major sporting events and several million bahts have already been put towards the planning of the complex. Critics however are concerned that Bangkok's transport system, which often runs as one continual traffic jam, could never cope with 100,000 or more fans heading towards a big game.

CHINA: As the memories of the student 'incident' fades touring sides are returning to China. Santos, attracted by the £10,000-a- match fee, brought a side that included Socrates Sanpato, Nicanor Carvalho and Luiz Claudio. The Brazilians played seven games, winning five and drawing one, their only defeat coming in the final match with Guangdong Province. Substitute Wu Quinli made a name for himself scoring both goals in the 2-1 Chinese victory.

Also touring at the same time, but with considerably less attention, was the Philippine national team. They lost all six games ending with an entertaining 8-4 defeat to a China XI.

MALAYSIA: In the hope of boosting the standing of its international selection, the Football Association of Malaysia has introduced extensive innovations to the country's premier domestic competition, the Malaysia Cup.

Drastic

The tournament's format had changed little since it commenced back in 1921, but after witnessing Malaysia's prolonged slide down Asian soccer rankings over the past twenty years, the F. A. M. obviously felt that drastic measures were now called for.

Previously, all 17 participating teams had met each other once to finalise a league ladder. The top eight then advanced to the knockout stage which determined the Cup winner.

This season, however, the top nine teams from 1988 contest Division One and the bottom eight participate in Division Two. Once their series of home and away fixtures are

d Paul Moon

Dave Tempest . . . formerly with Huddersfield

completed, the leading six teams from the top section along with, curiously, the winner and runner up from the lower grade will qualify for the quarter finals of the Malaysia Cup, which has retained a direct elimination formula for its latter phase.

Even more revolutionary than this change to the competition structure is the adoption, by a national body that had long been noted for its conservatism and stringent support of amateurism, of semi-professionalism and the introduction of foreign players.

Immediately prior to the commencement of the current campaign, each First Division team received approximately U.S. £80,000 from the F.A.M. to help meet the wage bills of their playing personnels.

Mercenaries

Of course, there were no top class European or South American stars to be attracted to Malaysia but Yugoslavia proved that her vast reservoir of soccer mercenaries is far from exhausted by providing six recruits. A couple of Swiss completed the European contingent and the other four imports were Asian — three Thais and one Indonesian.

Like virtually every other country to open its borders to foreign players, Malaysia has experienced mixed fortunes with them.

Inspired by its trio of Thais — including Piyapong Peu-Oun, who has been one of Asia's outstanding strikers throughout the present decade — the usually mediocre Pahang was the only unbeaten side as the First Division commenced a month long break for the South East Asian Games.

In contrast, Kelantan encountered numerous problems with Indonesian Bobby Darwis before sending him back to Jakarta. Having just one point from five games, Kelantan spent the recess stranded at the bottom of the table.

It is far too early to judge whether or not the F.A.M.'s brave modifications will bring about the desired improvement for Malaysian soccer, but there is no doubt that the fans have given them their enthusiastic approval. Attendances are up dramatically and crowds of 25,000 — rarities over the past 15 years — have been commonplace this term.

QUIZ ANSWERS
1. Andre Cruz. 2. No. 3. Olympique Lyon. 4. Schalke. 5. Argentinos Juniors. 6. Carlos Valderrama.

Morocco lift Palestine Cup

From WALID TABRA

MOROCCO, one of Africa's superpowers, deservedly won the 3rd Palestine Youth Cup in style.

The North Africans reflected wonderful youth potential as they produced a well organised and balanced team with skill, physical power and intelligence.

Lining-up against hosts Iraq, Jordan and Arab Yemen, Morocco started their campaign with an impressive 4-0 over Jordan.

The first three matches in group B showed that coach Ben Naser was lucky to land in such a group. They seemed to have spent years playing together and their physical strength prompted medial speculation about their real ages.

The main power of the Moroccans lay in attach with the deadly trio of winger Ragheb Khalid, goal hunter Rekbi Said and fellow striker Sabiqu Mohammed.

After beating Jordan 4-0 with Rekbi Said scoring twice, the Moroccans had to fight hard against Yemen before Ragheb Khalid grabbed a late decisive goal.

In the crucial match against Iraq, Ragheb Khalid once again lived up to his reputation as the most attractive player of the tournament by setting up two goals for Rekbi Said and Sabiq Mohammed to lead his country to the top of group B with maximum points ahead of Iraq.

Battle

English coach Bill Asprey then guided hosts Iraq to a 2-0 win over Democratic Yemen in the quarter-finals before winning a fierce battle 1-0 against world junior champions Saudi Arabia in the semi-finals.

Asprey, who had had only five months to build a new team produced an attacking style based on the long and high ball. But in the final Morocco taught their rivals a lesson in how to keep possession.

In the quarter-finals Morocco beat Tunisia 1-0 but needed penalties to overcome Bahrain in the semi-finals.

Midfielder Hassan Shebib surprised the Moroccans with a tenth minute header before Ragheb Khalid pulled the equaliser back in first half injury time.

In the final the Moroccans' magnificent skill and pace shattered the fragile Iraqi defence.

Sabiq Mohammed scored twice, in the 12th and 42nd minutes.

FIRST ROUND TABLES

GROUP A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
UAE	3	1	2	0	5	3	4
Qatar	3	1	2	0	3	2	4
Palestine	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
Oman	3	1	0	2	2	4	2

GROUP B	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Morocco	3	3	0	0	9	2	6
Iraq	3	2	0	1	7	2	4
Ar Yemen	3	1	0	2	3	7	1
Jordan	3	0	0	3	0	8	0

GROUP C	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
S Arabia	2	2	0	0	4	1	4
Bahrain	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Kuwait	2	0	1	1	0	2	1

GROUP D	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dem Yemen	2	1	1	0	4	2	3
Tunisia	2	1	0	1	3	4	2
Algeria	2	0	1	1	2	3	1

QUARTER-FINALS: UAE 2, Bahrain 3 — Morocco 1, Tunisia 0 — S Arabia 2, Qatar 1 — Iraq 2, Dem Yemen 0.

SEMI-FINALS: Morocco 1, Bahrain 1 (3-0 pens) — Iraq 1, S Arabia 0.

THIRD PLACE PLAY-OFF: Saudi Arabia 1, Bahrain 1 (4-3 pens).

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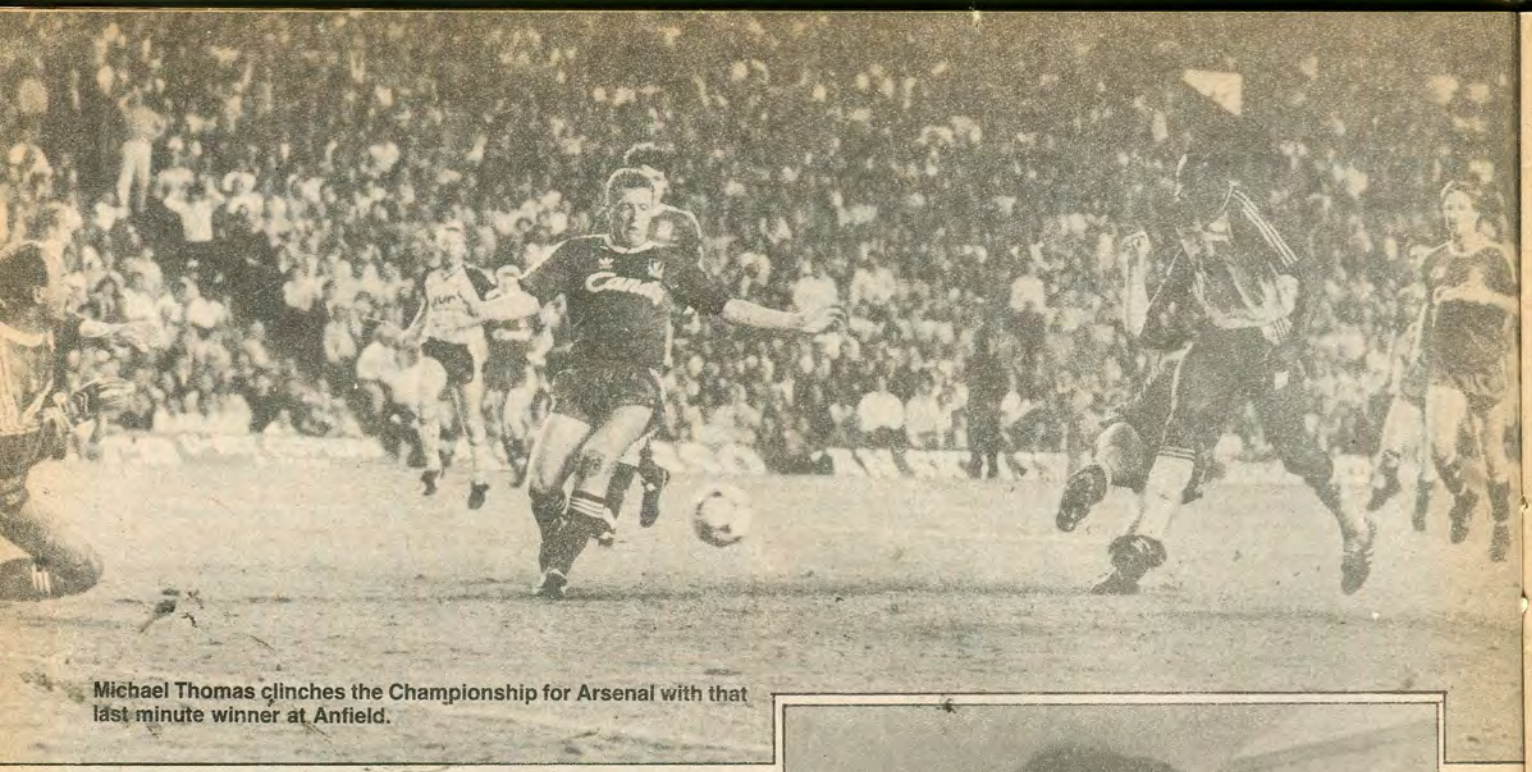


Michael Thomas clinches the Championship for Arsenal with that last minute winner at Anfield.

We can hold on to the title

SAYS GEORGE GRAHAM

IN THE most dramatic finale in modern history, Arsenal won the 1989 championship at holders Liverpool's Anfield with almost the last kick of the season.

It was their first league title since 1971. And a personal triumph for their Scottish manager George Graham 44, a member of that successful Arsenal side who then completed the 'double'.

WORLD SOCCER: Do you think the present team good enough to retain the trophy?

GRAHAM: "Yes, the current side is strong enough. But in England it is particularly difficult to defend the title. I would like at least three new quality players to strengthen the team. Unfortunately, those in whom I am interested are either not available, or simply too dear."

What are the biggest problems for a manager of an English First Division club?

"The greatest problem is the consistency and level of performance. Furthermore, the strength and even standards in the first division. We have to fight just as hard against the six bottom teams as against the top ones. We have a greater strength-in-depth than in the leagues on the continent. Most Europeans are technically superior to us, but physically we are stronger than most foreign teams."

"What is your reaction to the drain of talent leaving England for clubs abroad?

"Actually, not too many have gone. Some have not had much success on the Continent and returned home. I am not really worried about it."

What steps, if any, will Arsenal take to prevent the exodus of top players?

"Most of our top players are under contract. They were engaged under highly favourable financial conditions. Most of them are young and ambitious and they want to stay with us. On the other hand, Arsenal do not need the money to sell our best footballers."

Does the European ban on English clubs have a big financial effect, or any other negative influence on Arsenal?

"We would probably have made some money from the European Cup this season. That is the unfortunate financial aspect of the ban. In addition our players miss the competition against the top teams from the continent. We, the managers, coaches and players can learn a lot from the foreigners. And they can learn from us. I personally regret the lack of regular contact with the continent."

Do you think the club ban should be continued?

"I don't believe the suspension should be continued. Some countries, like Holland and Germany, have crowd problems just as bad as in England. These countries are allowed to play in Europe. I feel we should be re-admitted."

Do Arsenal have many problems with unruly fans? Your stadium is one of a handful in the Football League without fencing. After Sheffield, are there moves planned to ensure that such a tragedy could not happen at Highbury?

"We have no problems of hooliganism at Highbury. There are no fences and none are considered. Especially following the tragic events in Sheffield we do not contemplate caging the fans in."

What can be done to eliminate the

By ARTHUR ROTMIL

rowdyism in England?

"The troublemakers can be stopped through capable and efficient policing. But I fear that the problem will never be cured. At best it can be better controlled. But to that end we need more financial expenditure and better co-operation of all parties concerned."

On the continent a manager is strictly speaking an administrator, a business director. All clubs engage a coach to run the team. Do you think this is a better system than the one in England where the manager is virtually responsible for everything?

"Yes, the continental system is better and will soon be introduced in England. The league clubs will have to employ commercial managers who will look after all financial aspects and negotiate players' contracts. I am now doing two jobs and I am underpaid."

Recently there was a lot of controversy over managers criticising each other in the media. Don't you think this trend should be stopped? Do you accept that the media are sometimes exercising too much influence, that there is too much sensationalism?

"That is certainly a regrettable tendency, the result of a media war. At least two mass circulation tabloids are competing for readership and they often publish stories which are frankly ficticious. It is sad, but I don't do it. This is not good for the game and I find it disgusting."

What is your immediate target?

"To keep winning trophies."

Would you like to lead Arsenal into Europe and what do you think would be the chances of the present team internationally?

"I think we would do very well in Europe and that it would be a first class education for our young players like Rocastle, Adams, Thomas and Merson."

Would a move abroad to a big European club hold any temptation for you personally?

"In the future, yes. But right now I have a marvellous squad of players who are still developing and with whom I am hoping to achieve further success."

Paul Merson

SECRETS OF THE SECTARIAN SPLIT

By ALAN FAIRLEY

RANGERS' purchase of international striker Maurice Johnston from Nantes ostensibly heralded the end of the Glasgow club's 115-year-old "no Catholics" signing policy.

But there have been numerous instances in the past of the Ibrox tradition having been tampered with, if not acually broken. Shortly after the Johnston deal certain newspapers created headline news with their "revelations" that Don Kichenbrand, a bustling South African striker who had worn the Rangers jersey in the 1950s, was Catholic. Articles appeared describing how Kichenbrand, nicknamed "the Rhino" in his Ibrox days, had pulled the wool over the eyes of the Rangers directors by disguising his Catholicism.

But many of the clubs followers were fully aware of his "secret", accepting the fact that he was by no means a dedicated practitioner of the faith and happily turning a blind eye as his goals helped Rangers to the Scottish League title in 1956. his attitude has been underlined by the positive response shown by fans in the wake of the signing of Johnston. A few grumbles were heard when the news was first broken but these discontented murmurs were magnified by the media who immediately despatched teams of reporters and cameramen to the Protestant strongholds of Lanarkshire, obtaining quotes and opinions which have subsequently proved to be far from indicative of the general feeling.

Prior to Kichenbrand, only four known Roman Catholic players had appeared in the Rangers first team. This quartet, all of whom played for the club between 1904 and 1908, included Scottish League internationalist Archie Kyle who subsequently signed for Blackburn and Willie Kivlichan, one of eleven players in the history of Scottish football who played for both Rangers and Celtic.

'Mistakes'

The others were Colin Mainds who ended up with the now defunct Third Lanark and Aberdeen-born Tommy Murray who later joined Newcastle United.

A number of other Catholics made it onto Rangers' books, many of whom were regarded as "mistakes" and who failed to reach first team status but one such individual, John Spencer, a schoolboy signing in 1984, is presently performing well in the reserves and looks an excellent prospect.

The roots of mainstream sectarian bigotry amongst the Rangers fans do not necessarily trace back to the initial years of the club's existence, hence perhaps the comparative proliferation of Catholic players at Ibrox during the early part of the century. Rivals Celtic have always been regarded as the city's Catholic club following their foundation in 1888 by a group of Irish priests intent on raising funds for the benefit of their impoverished parishioners in Glasgow's East End.

By the very nature of their city rivalry, Rangers came to be known as a Protestant team more by accident than design but it is generally accepted that the hard line Protestant tradition was conceived in 1912 when the Belfast shipbuilding firm Harland & Wolff opened up a yard on the Clyde at Govan, not far from Ibrox.

This company had maintained a reputation in Northern Ireland for a "no Catholics" employment policy and when, following the cessation of the First World War, many Ulstermen migrated to Glasgow in search of work on the prospering Clyde shipyards, it was inevitable that a significant number ended up with Harland & Wolff, settling in the Govan area and adopting Rangers as "their team", thereby sparking off an intense sectarian divide among the city's football supporters which has existed to this day.

Scots crash in Europe

by Alex Gordon

ONCE upon a time there was a myth that Continental teams shook uncontrollably in their boots at the mere thought of having to come to Glasgow on European business.

Pass the black armbands, please. That myth is now well and truly dead and buried. Rangers and Celtic, the most famous names in Scottish soccer, failed at the first European hurdle and conceded seven goals between them at Ibrox and Parkhead.

Bayern Munich lashed in three against Rangers and Partizan Belgrade went one better against Celtic. Graeme Souness's team went out of the European Cup on a 3-1 aggregate and Billy McNeill's suicide squad went out on the goals away rule after drawing 6-6 with their mediocre Yugoslav opponents.

It's back to the drawing boards at Ibrox and Parkhead. Rangers, to be fair, were hit by injury and suspension before taking on Bayern, but, having said that, they still got a goal of a start with a penalty-kick, swept away with nonchalant ease by Mark Walters.

The Ibrox management must have been tearing at their hair when Rangers did not sit on that lead and consolidate their position until half-time. Bayern were level within three minutes and, early in the second-half, were a goal ahead with a penalty- kick and added to a good night's work with a typical spectacular long-range effort from captain Klaus Augenthaler.

The early Europeans reversal was not in the Rangers game plan this season. Their heavy investments in the transfer market were expected to show a profitable return in Europe, but all they have to present is one game at Ibrox.

Rangers restored a bit of their pride with a goalless draw in Munich. By then, though, it was too little, too late.

The real comic cuts came from Celtic against Partizan. Imagine the scene. Celtic are winning 6-5 on agregate on an evening mixed with the heady cocktail of wonderful and woeful. There were only three minutes remaining, the ball was out of play and there was a defender frantically racing to the touchline and imploring the ball boy to return the ball quickly so he could take a swift throw-in.

Defence

A Yugoslav trying desperately to offer his team a last-gasp lifeline? No. It was Celtic's Northern Ireland left-back Anton Rogan. Well, he's nothing if not a good sport.

The inevitable happened when Partizan scored in the last minute. The Celtic defence was all over the place when a deep ball came over from the left. Rogan was posted missing at the back post, there was a header across, 'keeper Pat Bonner decided to stay on his line, Paul Elliott thought he would copy this example and there was a Yugoslav unmarked smack in front of goal and he simply nodded the ball home.

Celtic's Paul McStay tries in vain to stop Partizan's Vijavic scoring.

Jacki Dziekanowski, living up to his reputation as a Polish George Best, must have wondered what was happening. He had just played the game of his life, scored four goals and set up the other . . . and he was out of Europe!

Celtic were playing their 125th European tie that evening. It might well have been their first. They started the game 2-1 down and were well warned by McNeill to guard against giving away an early goal.

Three minutes into the game they conceded a corner-kick on the left, it was launched over and there was a Yugoslav in complete isolation, being given the freedom of Glasgow, and he rose to nod the ball away from the groping Bonner.

It must be said that Celtic were unlucky. Partizan had only four efforts on target all night. Unfortunately, all four of them eluded Bonner. Celtic, on the other hand, peppered the Partizan goal right from the word go and had to be content with five.

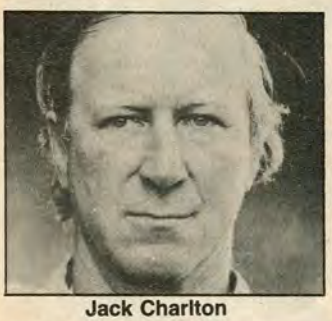
However, any team that loses four goals on their own soil in a European tie deserves to be out of the trophy. It's gross incompetence to be sliced open in such a clinical fashion. Naive would be a nice word, but incompetence is more accurate.

Souness and McNeill face a long, hard season and the Premier Division threatens to be tighter than ever. Celtic went through the month of September without a domestic victory and Rangers stuttered through some erratic displays, as well. Losing 1-0 to Motherwell with ex-Ranger Davie Cooper setting up the winner for ex-Ranger Bobby Russell would have been unthinkable before the start of the season when there was a lot of heavy cash going on Rangers to win every domestic honour PLUS the European Cup.

You know, you can never criticise Scotland for economy of effort in Europe. We went into the European battlefield with five teams and after only one round had cut that to two. Just as curious is the fact that only Rangers actually lost over the two ties; Aberdeen joining Celtic on the sidelines after drawing 2-2 with the ruthless and cynical Austrians of Vienna Rapid and also going out on the goals away rule.

Dundee United, as expected, kept going, but Hibs must have surprised a few by winning 3-0 in Hungary against Videoton after a 1-0 triumph at Easter Road.

Charlton needs one point



Jack Charlton

by Sean Creedon

IT now seems 99 per cent certain that The Republic of Ireland will qualify for the World Cup finals for the first time.

Jack Charlton's team beat Northern Ireland 3-0 at Lansdowne Road last month and then had to wait five hours for the result to come through from Budapest.

A Spanish win would have guaranteed the Republic a place in Italy next year, but the Hungarians pulled back a two goal deficit, to get a point. Now the Republic must get a point in Malta to be absolutely sure. Even if they fail it's highly unlikely that Spain will surrender their unbeaten record in Seville.

If the Republic were to lose 1-0 Hungary would still have to beat Spain by four clear goals.

The Irish will have to be on their best behaviour at the Ta'Qali Stadium. Seven of the squad are already on one yellow card. A further booking for either Morris, McCarthy, O'Leary, Houghton, Townsend, Stapleton or Aldridge would mean they will miss the first game in the Finals.

In the league Derry City and Bohemians are the early pace-setters. Derry, who won the Championship last season, are already hot favourites to retain the trophy. Jim McLaughlin has re-signed Yugoslavian-born striker Alex Krstic from West German club Saarbrucken. Alex is currently the top scorer with two hat-tricks to his credit. One came in the record 9-1 win over Galway United at The Brandywell. And City's Paul Carlyle ended a barren spell for League of Ireland clubs when he found the net against Benfica in the first leg of the European Cup.

That was the first goal by a League of Ireland club in over 1,000 minutes of European football. Derry's home tie against the Portuguese champions was shown live on R.T.E. Television — another first for the Candy Stripes.

Bohemians, who are celebrating their centenary, are maintaining the early season good form shown in friendlies against Spurs and Arsenal. Billy Young's position as the Country's longest serving Manager seems safe once again.

Amateurs Home Farm are top of the first division.

Success

Meanwhile the League officials have appointed Ciaran Tuite as development officer and they have employed the Saatchi and Saatchi P.R. company to promote local soccer.

Despite the success of Jack Charlton's Republic team, attendance at League of Ireland games are small, to say the least. Games are played on Sundays, when everybody in Ireland seems to be playing either soccer or Gaelic football. With changing social habits it's difficult to attract spectators to grounds which are lacking in spectator comforts.

Former Northern Ireland international Billy Hamilton has quit as player-manager of Limerick City and is now back home in Ulster, playing for Coleraine. Dave Maheedy is the new Limerick boss.

Two changes of Managers in the first division. English-born goalkeeper Alex Ludzic replaced Alfie Hale at Cobh Ramblers and Mick Coburn took over from Danny Doran at Monaghan United.

SHAMROCK Rovers have re-signed central defender Peter Eccles. Eccles, one of only three League of Ireland players to be capped by Jack Charlton, was a member of the Rovers team that won the Eire championship four seasons in-a-row in the mid eighties, before emigrating to Australia.

Eccles returned to play for Leicester last season and began this term with Dundalk where he was unable to command a regular first team place.

Noel King has also signed Dublin-born striker Vincent Arkins from Dundee United.

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LETTERS

Right: England failed miserably against minnows Morocco in 1986.

Chile were the real victims

SIR — I have found the report written by Mr. Homewood on the match Brazil-Chile absolutely outrageous.

The fact that Chile's Rojas was struck by a firework or not is beyond the point. Chile were right to abandon a game in which their players could have been hurt. Games like Celtic-Rapid in Glasgow, Holland-Cyprus and Ajax-FK Austria have been either replayed or abandoned under the same circumstances.

The important fact is that the behaviour of the crowd had been unacceptable and a game in which they throw dangerous objects to the pitch offers no guarantees to the away team.

The national stadium Santiego has been penalized by FIFA because a few oranges have been thrown at Brazilian players and Chile had to play Venezuela in a neutral country.

Can't your magazine see how biased and unfair have been FIFA's decisions? It looks as if they do not wish a World Cup without Brazil.

You must wonder why Brazil needs help to qualify, but as Mr. Rayner says in his letter to you published in your October 1989 issue, Brazilian football is not half as good as you think. They have not won anything in 20 years, the local competition is poor and boring, and the reputation is based on what they did between 1958-70.

It is about time people knew the truth about Brazil.

Both the Libertadores Cup and the South Africa championship have been traditionally won by Uruguay and Argentina, which on the whole have produced much better footballers and teams than Brazil.

I would go on but this letter is long enough already. I hope that you will publish it in your next issue because I know many people will agree with me.

J.S. ROZZI, Wimbledon, London. SW19.

SIR — Reading the October edition I have to agree with Chris Barker that we should enter international football competitions as Great Britain. This would also allow us to enter a squad for the Olympics.

As well as having a British national team it would be an excellent idea if we also had a Great British league. There could be two leagues with 40 of the biggest clubs. With the remaining professional clubs in Britain, they could be divided into five other divisions labelled A-E. The top clubs in each of the A-E leagues would go into three groups of five for a end of season play-off to get promoted into division 2. The winners of each group get promoted to division 2 and the bottom three of division 2 get relegated into one of the A-E leagues.

There also would be the equivalent of the F.A. Cup for all sides in Britain. And an equivalent of the Littlewoods/ Skol Cup for division 1 + 2 and another trophy for the A-E leagues, like the Sherpa Van Trophy. This format would increase gates for larger clubs as well as smaller ones.

This league should be totally professional and any club unable to remain a professional status should be replaced with a non-league side which are willing to turn professional.

MAURIZIO DI GLOSIA, Cheadle Heath, Stockport.

SIR — I refer to the letter from Steve Lee published in the September Edition and I feel that I must question Steve's objectivity. It appears to be a case of the heart speaking instead of the head. I find it surprising that even the most partisan fan could manage to defend England's record in recent international competitions. Narrow qualification from perhaps the easiest group in the 1986 World Cup was hardly noteworthy, especially the stumbling draw with a Morocco side who could have won had they had a little more self belief.

Despite the illegal interventions, there was no escaping the fact that Argentina were on a higher technical level than England. The 1988 European Championships were even more of a disaster. Admittedly the Republic of Ireland may not be the most attractive team to watch but they boasted determination, fitness, teamwork and purpose. These were four attributes more than England could manage.

Having seen the embarrassing defeat of Rangers by Bayern Munich recently, I must question England's hopes for the future. In Butcher, Steven and Stevens they have three players who will certainly play major parts in the World Cup campaign should qualification be attained. All were sadly

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outclassed in a generally desperate performance.

In the alarmingly inadequate Gary Stevens is a player who has not managed to show any semblance of skill over a period of 16 months in a very poor standard league competition. What hope Italy?

English football has never come to grips with the notion that the Continentals have less to learn from us than we have from them despite disasters ranging from the USA through Hungary to Holland. Misplaced insularity and hypocritical contriteness pervade the game. On one hand Graham Taylor is flouted by the media as the people's champion and the next England manager, whilst being [illegible] for his tactical acumen.

On the other hand Wimbledon are scorned and shunned by the footballing press when really they are just a mutation of the idea successfully initiated by Taylor a number of years previously. There must be some perverse logic in all of that somewhere.

The future looks bleak but Bobby Robson may yet silence his critics. Then again, Gary Stevens may yet show that he is an able full back, Graham Taylor may relieve Johan Cruyff of the hot seat at Barcelona, Milan may appoint Charles Reep as technical advisor and the proverbial pigs might fly.

J.C.Mc CRACKEN, 291 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow.

BOOKS

YOU CAN tell it's Christmas book season when the quiz compendiums start arriving on the shelves.

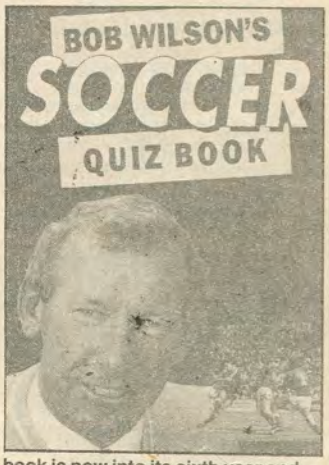
Two on the market now are Bob Wilson's Soccer Quiz Book (Collins Willow, 8 Grafton Street, London W1; £2.99) and the Guinness Soccer Quiz Book (Guinness Books, 33 London Road, Enfield, Middlesex EN2 6DJ; £4.95).

The Bob Wilson book presents the quiz fiend with 3000 questions covering six different domestic and international categories. The Guinness book presents 58 different sections in which no club is overlooked. Both should be popular value come holiday time.

Another Guinness publication is an updated version from Jack Rollin of the Guinness Soccer Who's Who (£5.95). The format and size are the same as before for a publication whose enduring popularity and success is proved by the fact that this is the third edition in five years.

Among the football annuals we have yet to mention is the perennial Playfair Football Annual 1989-90 (Queen Anne Press, Headway House, Shoe Lane, London EC4P 4AB; £2.99). This is another statistical special with the uniquitous Rollin seal of authority.

Following that is the Barclays League Club Directory 1990, edited as ever by Tony Williams (Daily Mail Publications, Northcliffe House, Derry Street, London W8 5TT; price £9.95). No doubt the sponsorship connection helps in the praiseworthy achievement of keeping the price below £10. The



book is now into its sixth year and loses nothing from the need to bring forward publication so as to compete more effectively in a crowded market.

All the usual line-ups and player details are included plus historical and logistical information. As this is a Barclays League volume there is no international or Scottish coverage. Also, a little unfortunately, the Barclays League fixtures for this season are conspicuous by their absence. Perhaps that's one for next year.

One biography to note: Tony Francis's Clough: A Biography, now in paperback from Stanley Paul (Brookmount House, 62-65 Chandos Place, Covent Garden, London WC2N 4NW). Like Clough or loath him, this is a bargain read at £6.95.

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TOSHACK:

My greatest challenge

John Toshack, team boss of Real Madrid, is a fully paid-up member of the European managers' society. Howard Kendall at Bilbao remains, as Terry Venables was at Barcelona, an Englishman working abroad. But Toshack has spent virtually all the 1980s establishing a professional career in Europe, in Portugal and Spain. This season he confronts the greatest, most prestigious, challenge of his career. The pressure is immense. In the wake of league defeat in Barcelona and on the eve of European dramatics in Milan, he explained how he learned to live with the managerial time bomb.

Interview from KEIR RADNEDGE in Barcelona

'I could not have come straight into a job like Real Madrid. I think it was important to have worked up towards it. I had a very good — I won't say apprenticeship because that would be an insult to my other clubs — but a very good grounding, or education in the game over here.

Sporting Lisbon was my first job abroad. It was something which came up after Swansea and I was excited by the prospect of learning a new language and finding out about a new culture as well as a different style of football. Sporting is one big club. Their derbies against Benfica are as big as almost anything I had experienced. They had also had 18 managers in 15 years so the job was a big one in itself.

Then I had four very happy years in San Sebastian with Real Sociedad. It's a lovely city and the Basques are smashing people. I would happily have gone on working there for a long time to come.

But the offer came to manage Real Madrid, which must be the most famous club in the world, and when something like that happens in your life you say to yourself: What are we here for? What's this all about?

Toshack has bought Oscar Ruggeri (left) to strengthen his defence and switched Bernd Shuster (right) to sweeper.

Opportunity

An opportunity like that comes once in your life. You have to take it. You have that responsiblity not only to yourself but to your family. My son can turn round one day and say to his friends: "My Dad managed Real Madrid," and that will mean something. For me, that's what it's all about.

When we were kids at home in South Wales we heard of Real Madrid — about Di Stefano and Puskas and Gento. And suddenly here I am. And I've got Gento working for me in Italy, spying in Milan.

The four years with Real Sociedad were a very valuable part of preparing for this — although I never envisaged it. I know it's a cliche but in this job it really never pays to look too far ahead.

But it meant I knew Spanish football and the set-up. I had seen Barcelona v Real Madrid games from a distance. I knew about the players at Madrid and I knew what to expect.

Knowing they have won the championship for the last four years makes it difficult. The standards set at this club are very high. And I wondered how the players might react this season — especially when Barcelona have reinforced this summer in such strength.

It's a smashing challenge as well as a great honour. You see, Madrid won the league and cup last season. So, if we win the league and cup again this season, what's new? But, on the other side of the coin, if we don't win both the league and cup then people will wonder what's gone wrong and will look at what's changed in between. And that's where I come in.

I have changed things around a lot in the few months I have been here. With respect to last season now we have a West German sweeper (Bernd Schuster), a new Spanish centre back (Fernando Hierro) and a new Argentine central defender (Oscar Ruggeri). Of course Schustre has been with Madrid since last year but last season, for Leo Beenhakker, he was playing in midfield.

Any team would need time to adjust to fundamental changes like that. But here you are expected to win every game. The pressure is on, you don't have time. So Ruggeri came back to us from the South American championship with an injury and I'm still not sure he's 100 per cent fit. Julio Salinas gave him a good chasing here in Barcelona.

So he's had one bad day at the office. Happens to all of use. Just

'My son can turn round one day and say to his friends: "My Dad managed Real Madrid," and that will mean something. That's what it's all about.'

because he has had one off day doesn't mean we have to throw everything out of the window and start again. People said to me after the match that this was, in fact, the best Real Madrid have played in Barcelona for several years.

So, while there were bad things in the match, there were also good ones. Barcelona are two points behind us still and they've got to come to the Bernabeu later on.

That's one of the reasons the Milan tie is so important to our season. If we were to beat Milan we could forget about the European Cup until next March and concentrate, in the meantime, on pushing on with the league.

But if we lose to Milan, then there's a danger that heads will go down and we will suffer a reaction in the league.

That's what management is about. There is always something going on which needs your attention.

If I look back then I can say I've had a good career experience in all sorts of situations. I worked through all the four divisions of the Football League with Swansea and I've worked at big clubs in Portugal and Spain.

You know, I don't even think about ever going back home.

It took me about six months to settle down in Spain and understand enough of the language and the people and their way of life. But I can honestly say that going back is something which never crosses my mind.

As for Real Madrid, it's the European Cup which occupies their minds here. That's one of the great things about working and living in Spain. Everyone is so interested in what's going on abroad; on television I can watch French and Italian football; when I was at San Sebastian I wasn't far from the French border so a couple of times a season I took the chance to go up and watch Bordeaux.

Compared with Britain, everyone here is so much more knowledgeable about other countries. I feel I know a lot more about what's going on in football generally than other English — or Welsh — managers. And not just because I happen to work here.

I suppose you might say that difference is something to do with the European ban on English clubs. It's terribly sad for a club like Liverpool, who set the standards in everything.

I'm told there were no English club managers out here to watch the Barcelona game on a day when the first division was blank because of England's preparations for the Poland game.

I know we British are insular. It's our way. But maybe, if the English clubs had been in Europe, then one or two might have come out to learn. You can see that as another effect of the ban — it's depressing people and their ambitions and horizons.

I thought how terrible it was when we entertained Liverpool in the Bernabeu trophy match, which was our big season-opener in front of our fans before the league began.

Liverpool formed me as a person, not just as a player. It was the attitude. It struck me as soon as I went there. They'd say: 'Someone has to win the European Cup, why shouldn't it be us?' I was just a young lad from South Wales and it opened my eyes.

So I am trying to do the best I can for Real Madrid,. After all, if you don't want to be the best, what's the point?

MILAN HEADACHES FOR MADRID

By KEIR RADNEDGE

REAL MADRID'S defeat in Barcelona threatened to be of more significance than the Catalans' 3-1 victory. No-one can doubt the quality available for Barsa coach Johan Cruyff; it's just the way he organises it which upsets people.

Madrid, however, bounced out of Barcelona with their revenge Champions' Cup duel with Milan on their minds and the prospect of going into it with star striker Emilio Butragueno. Now, he may not be quite the Vulture he once was, but his absence no doubt encouraged the Italian club to hit Madrid with that swift — and possibly decisive — one-two.

If Butragueno's state of health was the most obvious headache left with Madrid coach John Toshack, it was far from the only one.

He has reorganised Madrid in defence. But Rafael Gordillo appears well past his best and was one of the poorest players on the field in Nou Camp. At times he did not seem to be part of the same match. Similarly, Argentine World Cup-winner Oscar Ruggeri was torn up into little pieces by Julio Salinas. And while I have always admired Salinas's honesty and persistence, he is hardly a Van Basten.

BARCELONA 3 (Salinas 10, Koeman 75pen, 89pen)
REAL MADRID 1 (Hugo Sanchez 8 pen)
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BARCELONA: Zubizarreta — Koeman, Alesanco, Aloisio — Eusebio, Beguristain (Serna 69), Baquero, Roberto, Urbano (Soler 56) — Julio Salinas, Laudrup.

MADRID: Buyo — Hierro, Schuster, Ruggeri — Chendo, Michel (Paco Llorente 62), Sanchis, Martin Vazquez, Gordillo — Hugo Sanchez, Butragueno (Aldana 14).

Bernd Schuster's retreat to sweeper raised some eyebrows in Spain. But, in fact, I remember him telling me — after his sparkling emergence in the West German midfield at the 1980 European championships — that he preferred sweeper and the extra space and control the role allowed.

Schuster still reads a game as well as anyone, can still hit those beautiful long-range passes and looks sheer class. He also possesses that streak of ruthlessness which coaches look for in a last-line defender. Proof arrived midway through the first half when Schuster blatantly tripped Michael Laudrup in a headlong dash for goal.

Emilio Butragueno

Booked

The German was, correctly, shown the yellow card. That would cost him dear later on when he was booked again — and, of course, sent off — right at the end for ungentlemanly conduct i.e. standing on the ball and simply waiting for the last seconds of defeat to tick away.

One plus for Toshack is in his redeployment of Manuel Sanchis as a ball-winner sitting in front of the back five — though whether midfield partners Martin Vazquez can match the distribution vision of Michel on the right is open to question.

Luckily, ahead of them they have Butragueno and Hugo Sanchez as target men, the one always seeking space and the other putting the wind up anyone faced with the thankless task of marking him. Cruyff organised it in relays but Sanchez would have had one or two more goals to add to his penalty had the flag-happy linesmen been up to their job.

Barcelona? High on class, low on organisation though that improved immensely as the match went on. Barcelona can battle their way through. They proved it against Legia Warsaw in Poland; they proved it against Madrid; and celebrated the following week with seven goals against Rayo Vallecano.

Never mind Europe. Just watch the fight to reign in Spain.

Germany hit Finland for six in Dortmund

WEST GERMANY by ARTHUR ROTMIL

Germans 'explode' for Beckenbauer

MANY West German reporters, some noted for their vitriolic comments on the state of the national side, were just settling down to prepare another essay on the shortcomings of their representatives, when the team 'exploded' in the second half to crush Finland by 6-1.

This triumph considerably strengthened the German position in this World Cup group four and barring an unforeseen slump in their present form they should make certain of qualification for the world finals by beating Wales in their last match on November 15 in Cologne.

Team chief Franz Beckenbauer, who must also have had some misgivings about the first half display against the Finns in Dortmund, praised the transformation after the interval. His men demonstrated power, superb passing and clinical finishing. The injured and absent Kohler, Dorfner, Thon and Pflugler (all from Bayern Munich), were hardly missed and with more accurate shooting at the beginning of the match the Germans could have reached double figures against the plucky but outclassed Scandinavians.

The outstanding players were captain and midfielder Lothar Matthaus, his partners Andy Brehme and Andy Moller, who scored twice (his first international goals), striker Rudi Voller and the newly capped Uwe Bein who came in for the disappointing Hassler. Interesting to note that the West Germans didn't postpone their league fixtures on the preceding weekend, but played just four days after the full programme.

At club level too, the West Germans are now experiencing another splendid era. All six clubs qualified for the second round in the three European tournaments. This is a proud record and was only matched by the Soviet Union.

In the Bundesliga a duel is developing for the top spot between title holders Bayern Munich and Koln. In the first week of October the Rhinelanders, taking advantage of the Bavarians' long injury list, overtook the champions. In the 1-0 home win over FC Homburg the Polish international Andrzej Rudy, 24, made his long awaited debut. The classy midfielder who was watched by Manchester United (they even sent scouts to Pozaan), among other clubs, defected during a visit by a Polish League representative side to Italy in November 1988.

Rudy was promptly suspended by his own federation (PZPN) for five years. After trials at Monaco and approaches from other quarters, put off by the ban, he eventually landed in Cologne. Following long and protracted negotiations with Polish authorities he signed a four-year contract with Koln who paid £700,000 for the former GKS Katowice player. He is now hoping that the suspension will be lifted and he can play in the national side again.

Koln's strength is in any case in midfield with internationals Thomas Hassler, Pierre Littbarski and Uwe Rahn. The latter will probably be moved into a striking role to accomodate Rudy. Koln have suffered some notable departures, like their best defender Jurgen Kohler (to Bayern), Danish sweeper Morten Olsen (returned home to retire), his compatriot and striker Flemming Povlsen (to PSV Eindhoven) and last season's Bundesliga top scorer Thomas Allofs (Strasbourg).

Of the newcomers only international striker Frank Ordenewitz (ex-Werder Bremen) and the Norwegian international defender Anders Giske (Nurnberg), plus Rudy are top class players.

In Bremen the talk is of Wynton Rufer, 26, the striker of Swiss origin who hails from New Zealand.

Advance notices were not good. But now they call him the "Kiwi-bomber"; he is Werder's top marksman with four goals in the league and four in the cup. This son of a Swiss emigrant — in itself a rarity — is now rated among the Bundesliga's top strikers, though until he was 15 he played in goal! Officially he has only been loaned out by Grasshoppers, but if he makes the grade then Werder will probably buy him.

In Stuttgart they rave about the nine times capped Argentinian Jose Horacio Basualdo, 26, who came from Deportivos Mandiyu, and cost £530,000. He made a big impression in the recent South American championships and was recommended by Argentina's national team manager Carlos Bilardo.

SOVIET UNION by Bob Vaughan

SOVIETS HAPPY WITH SIX OUT OF SIX

Lobanovski — content

SIX out of six successes in Europe will do Soviet football little harm and to a large extent qualification for round two was gained without too much trouble.

Linfield proved they are no pushovers in both Wrexham and Dnepropetrovsk but Cork City were never going to run Torpedo close. In the UEFA Cup only IFK Goeteborg got within a goal of the opposition, Zalgiris Vilnius.

More interesting is the renaissance of Dynamo Kiev who trounced MTK in the UEFA Cup and have shot up the league to be in third place with eight games to go.

Title

Eight points adrift of Spartak, 'Loba's Lads' are unlikely to take the championship but could catch Dnepr, 1-0 loses in Moscow to Dynamo on the 24th day of the title chase.

It will probably not be enough to push Dynamo Moscow towards a UEFA placing but it helped their Kiev namesakes who could only draw across town with Lok, who look bound for the Second Division, with either Zenit or promoted Duchambe.

While the game in Kiev with MTK resulted in a beating for the Hungarians it was a different story in Budapest but the successors to Hidegkuti & Co had just too much ground to make up. In Kiev MTK put up a good fight, literally, and Bulgarian referee Dimitrov had to produce his yellow card six times.

DENMARK by JIM HOLDEN

PIONTEK PLAYS IT COOL

Sepp Piontek

DENMARK manager Sepp Piontek was making no assumptions about qualifying for the World Cup Finals, despite a thrilling 3-0 defeat of Rumania in Copenhagen.

His team set the Idraetsparken alight again with goals from Kent Nielsen, Brian Laudrup and Flemming Poulsen against the highly regarded Rumanians. The Danish Dynamite was sparked as a capacity crowd roared on their new young team who could have doubled their tally.

Now they need a point from the return match in Bucharest this month to win the group and qualify. But Piontek cautioned: "It will be a very tough match for us. We played well at home but they could do just the same to us. Unfortunately, finishing second in our group may not be enough to qualify. We must play as hard as we did in the home game to get through."

Nevertheless, confidence is sky high in Denmark that they will qualify for their fourth international tournament in succession. The Rumanians were ripped apart, and their defensive strategy with only Camataru up front backfired when Nielsen scored from a corner on seven minutes.

The younger Laudrup scored the goal of the game when he cut in skilfully from the left wing and drove fiercely into the net on 27 minutes. Povlsen's final goal in the 83rd minute set the seal and the Danes' cause was further helped by the late sending off of Rumanian libero Rednic, who will miss the Bucharest return.

A point of conflict between the countries is over ticket allocations for the return fixture. Denmark are furious to have been allocated only 200 tickets for the game and have protested strongly to FIFA to have that raised. Roligan fever is renewed and up to 10,000 Danish fans are clamouring to make the trip.

Danish hopes in the three European Cups foundered instantly, leaving a little gloom over the club scene. Bronaby, Ikast and Naestved all lost comfortably in their first round matches, which could open the floodgates for foreign raiders again. Henrik Mortensen left AGF for Norwich and more could follow when the league finished this month (Nov).

The title race looks like going to the wire, with OB the new favourites after an impressive late-season surge. Even a hat- trick from Allan Simonsen against Herfole could only bring Vejle within three points of the leaders. Sandwiched between the two are long-time leaders Brondby, who have not been able to replace Brian Laudrup.

Denmark's oldest club, KB, are set to return to the First Division after an exciting season, perhaps a fitting end to the year of the DBU's 100th anniversary.

Brian Laudrup

SWEDEN by PENTTI HIETANEN

Malmo shock for Inter

MALMO did 'the impossible' and knocked out Italy's mighty Internazionale in the first round of the European Cup. A 2-1 aggregate victory was accomplished when Leif Engkvist's cleverly executed header silenced the San Siro crowd to earn a 1-1 draw for the Scandinavians.

This was a marvellous achievement for the Swedish champions and for their English coach Roy Hodgson. They could now avenge their UEFA cup exit at the hands of Inter a year ago.

The way Malmo's youthful side grafted at times made Inter's stars look rather heavy-legged. And the supposed technical superiority of the Italians came to nothing as the Swedes also proved capable of moving the ball around with skill and precision.

Roy Hodgson

A clever switch in playing positions of Hakan Lindman and Engkvist came up trumps for Hodgson. Lindman, a vastly under-rated player recently wanted by Ajax Amsterdam, was moved to a deeper role in midfield with Engkvist, a strong runner with a blistering shot, being promoted to the front-line.

The end result was that Lindman headed in the 1-0 winner in the first-leg, while Engkvist collected that celebrated tie- clincher in Milan.

The departed international players of MFF, stopper Ljung and midfielder Thern, have been replaced by two youngsters in Peter Jonsson, 24, and Patrik Andersson, 18.

They played like old hands against Inter, but then, both players come from famous footballing families. Peter's father Harry Jonsson was a legendary player for Malmo, winning nine league championships, and is the current assistant to Hodgson. Patrik's father Roy Andersson played for the club's European cup final side of 1979.

While MFF keep going strong, it is a transitional time at IFK Gothenburg, who failed to reach the play-off stages of the league. The club are already searching for a new coach to replace Kjell Pettersson.

Also stepping aside will be the old IFK favourite, winger Tommy Holmgren.

One of Sweden's most exciting players for the past decade, Holmgren won 27 full caps for Sweden and represented IFK in 505 matches, of which 55 were international cup games. An amazing record for a player with a reputation for being injury-prone!

Tommy, like his elder brother Tord, never moved abroad to play professionally, although they were the midfield mainstays for IFK during their UEFA cup triumphs of 1982 and 1987.

ITALY by JANE NOTTAGE and DAVID PADBURY

Double struggle for Milan

AC Milan will be looking to a fit again Marco van Basten to rekindle their title hopes.

WHO would have thought it possible that Milan, league champions in 1988 and current holders of the Champions' Cup, would be struggling halfway down the league table after just eight matches?

Milan's difficulties are comprehensible if we consider the fact that they have been without both Gullit and Van Basten who are both recovering from persistent injuries. In fact Marco Van Basten played his return match against Cremonese which Milan lost away 1-0.

The other great player out of the running is Ruud Gullit whose on-going knee injury has developed into a kind of Italian soap opera. Journalists have followed him home to Amsterdam, and on to Belgium where fortunately as in all good soaps, he was given the all-clear in Brussels by his specialist, Professor Maertens.

Full recovery will take six weeks, he must spend the first three not touching the ball but gently building up strength in exercise and special light work-outs. If all goes well, and the knee doesn't swell up as it did after the Champions' Cup Final in May, he'll be back in January.

Milan are hoping, obviously, that he'll make his grand return a little before January, on December 17 in Tokyo for the InterContinental Final, to be precise. But Gullit won't say, he's been dogged by injury for over a year and the opportunity of playing full time again still seems a long way away.

The two Dutchmen haven't been Milan's only injured victims. Filippo Galli was seriously injured in a collision during training against Van Basten, who'd just come back. The injury is to his right knee and the defender isn't expected back for at least two months.

As if all that wasn't bad enough, Milan sailed through the first round of the Champions' Cup against HJK Helsinki to draw old adverseries Real Madrid in the second.

Surprisingly neighbours Internazionale crashed out of the Champions' Cup first round to Sweden's Malmo. After three years of hard work in constructing a team capable of winning the league last season, manager Giovanni Trapattoni saw his team throw away the possibility of a glorious run in Europe's most prestigious competition, with a silly defensive error in the 81st minute of the return match.

Engqvist's equaliser ruined the home side's chances as they'd already made life difficult by losing 1-0 in Sweden.

At the moment Inter are joint second with Sampdoria in the league thanks to the German presence of Brehme, Matthaus and Klinsmann. Between them the three Germans have scored ten goals in eight matches, including two penalties.

The theory of having one nationality for all the foreign players of a team seems to work. Milan have the Dutch and have won the league and Champions' Cup, Inter have the Germans and are current holders of the league championship, and Juventus without their Soviets are a sorry sight indeed.

While Zavarov and Aleinikov were busy losing to the East Germans in a World Cup qualifier, their team mates lost 1-0 at home to Atalanta.

Competitive

It's the price they have to pay when the foreign players are called to play for their national team. However, Juventus are slowly rebuilding a team which will be competitive both nationally and in Europe.

Patron Gianni Agnelli, has always said that Juventus will return to glory after 1990, and it looks as if his predictions will come true. No money is being spared in the quest for the World's best players. It's rumoured that the young German Moeller will arrive next year.

Gianluca Vialli is top of the goal-scorers for the first time. "Really? by myself?" he commented after being told the news after Sampdoria's home match against Verona. "It's always a great pleasure for a striker to head the goal-scorers, but let's not get carried away, there's a long way to go yet."

However, for Vialli, symbol also of the Italian National team, all is not rosy. He's nursing an inflammed tendon in his right foot. National team manager Azeglio Vicini can only hope that this clears up. The road is indeed long with the World Cup just around the corner after a 1-0 friendly defeat by Brasil.

It is imperative that Vialli is fit until the end of the national team's run in the World Cup. Vicini has already expressed his fear that one or more of his players will be involved in European Cup Finals in April and May, thereby ruining his delicate preparation and build up to the frenetic month of the world's greatest footballing event.

Talking of the national team, Fiorentine dynamo Roberto Baggio finally had his chance which he grabbed with both hands — or feet as the case may be, as has already been discussed elsewhere in this issue.

With Giannini's star in the descent it will be interesting to see if Baggio takes over as key man in midfield.

In the run up to the World Cup, the national team have found a 'godmother' (as opposed to the famous Italian Godfathers). She is Francesca Dellera, an actress better known for her physical assets than her brain power. Not surprisingly, Vicini's reaction was negative to the idea of the curvaceous Ms. Dellera ambling among his footballers.

Who could write a review of Italian Football without the mention of the irrepressible Diego Maradona!

No sooner did he return to the open and forgiving arms of his club directors than he was opening his mouth yet again and falling into deep waters. This time it was after Napoli's away match to Roma — a match which seemed more like the lions being let loose on the Christians than a game involving sporting principles.

The refereeing was fairly abysmal but the image of the game wasn't helped by Maradona's open criticism of the referee saying: "I should have been sent off in the first half for the foul I committed on Desideri".

Still sidelined — Ruud Gullit

SWITZERLAND by ARTHUR ROTMIL

Swiss clubs surprise themselves

SWISS experts who were ready to write off their footballers as a bunch of no hopers, were made to eat their words when against all expectations three clubs reached the second round in the international cup tournaments. This was only the fifth time it happened in 34 years of the major European tournaments.

Pride of place went to Grasshoppers who, after losing by 3-0 to Slovan at Bratislava, were given no chance in the return. In fact only 3,100 hardy optimists found their way to the Haardturm stadium, but those who stayed away missed a treat as the Zurich outfit stormed to a 4-0 extra time victory.

Outclassed

Sion too, reversed a 0-1 away defeat into a 2-0 home win, while little Wettingen, for the first time in Europe, put out Dundalk of Ireland on a 5-0 aggregate. Wettingen were bottom of the table and appeared hopelessly outclassed in the League, but the triumph over the Irish prompted a run of three successive wins and raised hopes of making the top eight for the championship play-off.

The club enjoyed a plum draw in the UEFA-Cup by being paired with Napoli. The visit of Maradona provoked an unbelievable run on tickets, so that the tie was switched to Zurich's Letzigrund stadium which boasts 12,000 seats and room for 15,000 standing. Wettingen's old Altenburg ground holds altogether 9,500. They made the biggest killing in the club's 58-year history.

Income

Seats were sold at £40 and it cost £16 to stand. The receipts alone from admission came to £600.000. Television forked out £200,000, while additional income was derived from sponsorship and perimeter advertising.

The players were promised £2,000 each, but only in the event of qualifying. For losing there was nothing!

The biggest sensation was, however, the transfer of the record 93-capped midfielder Heinz Hermann to Servette. It appears that Xamax Neuchatel's financial supporter Florent Ley-Ravello had withdrawn his funds because his son Robert had given up football. Thus Xamax could no longer pay Hermann's wages of £200,000 and he was released without any fee payable.

Heinz Hermann moved to Servette

FINLAND by PENTTI HIETANEN

CASSIDY REVELATIONS MAKE SENSE FOR HJK

TOMMY CASSIDY, the former Northern Ireland midfielder, infuriated Finnish football when he revealed, in a recent interview in England, that the referee of the Champions' Cup clash between APOEL Nicosia, of Cyprus, and Finland's HJK Helsinki had been bribed.

The match took place in September, 1986, with APOEL, the home side coached then by Cassidy, winning 1-0, thanks to a dubious penalty converted by the former Stoke and Spurs forward Ian Moores. As the return-leg in Helsinki was won 3-2 by HJK, it was that controversial penalty-kick awarded by the Bulgarian referee Kolev which put APOEL through to the second round.

According to Cassidy, the Cyprian club had been over- generous in their hospitality to the Bulgarian match officials during the previous days of the match. It was the old story of wine, tasty food and attractive ladies of the night to persuade the men in black to see things the way the home side wants them to be seen.

The coach of HJK, Jyrki Heliskoski, was not at all surprised by Cassidy's revealings.

He says: "You always tend to expect the home team to get some breaks from the referee, notably in Europe, but what happened in Cyprus was a bizarre comedy. Every time our players made a challange, the Cyprians got a free-kick. Bostrom, our midfielder, once received the ball in a perfectly good position, with two APOEL players in front of him, yet the linesman waved for an off-side. 'The penalty-kick' just crowned the night."

The incident happened after 15 minutes' play when Moores received the ball on the edge of the penalty-area. He shot wildly over the goal of HJK, then stumbled to the ground. For a few seconds nothing happened, so the Finnish players prepared for a goal-kick.

But then, all of a sudden, forward rushes our man Kolev and calmly points his finger to the penalty-spot. The dramatic action even took the APOEL players by surprise.

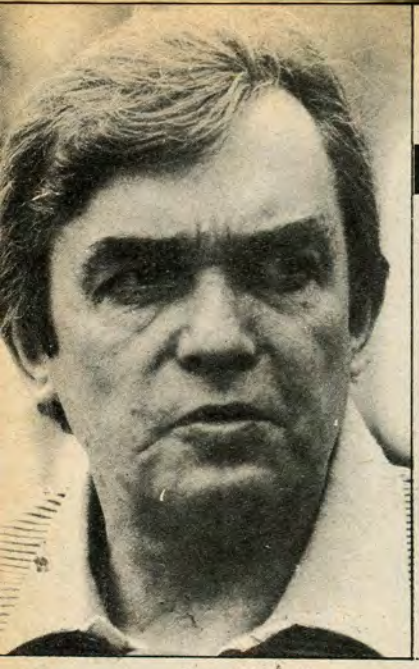
Heliskoski says: "The whole affair was so clumsily conducted that for a moment we thought that the referee was joking. Alas, he wasn't. You can bet that we had our hands full trying to calm down our lads. They were fuming and I cannot blame them."

HJK now want to take the matter up to the UEFA, but there is little hope of anything happening. After all, the past record of the game's governing body in clamping down on this sort of swindlery just doesn't give one much encouragement.

The chief executive of the Finnish club says: "We want the result of the APOEL-HJK match to be nullified and two points given to us. This is a matter of principle. We must open our eyes to see how deeply corruption has affected international football. The referees accepting bribes pose a major threat to the game. It is just as worrying as doping is to athletics."

But will the justice ever be done?

The HJK officials say that they are optimistic as long as Tommy Cassidy does not go back on his own words.



Ernst Happel

CZECHOSLOVAKIA by BOB VAUGHAN

CROWD TROUBLE BLOW FOR SPARTA

DIFFERING were the fortunes of Czechs and Slovaks in the European Cups.

Sparta had a lot to prove after the drubbing at the same stage last season by Steaua despite crowd trouble they went about the task of reaching the second round by putting three goals past Toni Schumacher at the Letna.

Fenerbahce's away score was worrying but fears of another Balkan disaster were premature and a second win, 2-1, over the Turkish champions in Istanbul set up an second round encounter with Sredets for manager Jozef Jarabinsky.

With most of his squad involved in the crucial World Cup tie on the Sparta ground with Portugal and visits to Nitra and Trnava plus a Derby with Bohemians, he was hoping to keep free from injuries.

Meanwhile the champions, having dropped only a point are carrying on where they left off in the spring and few would bet against the title returning to the Letna despite Bohemians'early promise, a contrast with last term.

Also through to round two in Europe are second placed Banik. The North Moravians, who sold left side striker Danek to Ernst Happel's FC Swarovski Tirol in the summer, recovered from a 0-2 deficit on the Baltic Coast to register a 3-2 away win against Hansa Rostock and then sweep the GDR representatives aside at the Bazaly.

Far less satisfactory was the result of Slovan's and Plastika's efforts in the Cup-winners' Cup and the UEFA Cup.

All seemed to be going well in the Muengersdorfer Stadion against Koln when Plastika equalised to go in at 1-1 at half time.

But second half Koln power play and a German 1-0 win in Nitra ended Plastika's hopes at the same time as Slovan were losing a three goal lead, established at the Telehne pole, in Zurich.

Two penalties had helped the Western Slovaks in Bratislava where a furious Grasshoppers had had a man sent off for a dreadful foul following referee Deda from Turkey awarding a second spot kick. Extra time at the Hardturm proved fatal and meant elimination on aggregate 3-4.

Oblivion

Now manager Jozef Jankech will have to turn his attention to getting Slovan in to a UEFA Cup position in the league and proving that the club's return from three seasons' oblivion in Division Two the Slovak National league to the national competition to Europe is no fluke.

At the bottom neither Dukla nor Povazska, the promoted club from Central Slovakian Bystrica, have been able to lift themselves off the foot of the table. Dunajska Streda, RH Cheb, the second army side in the top division, and Zbrojovka Brno are, fortunately for the backnumbers, not much better off.

But with only three championship days scheduled until early November due to World Cup preparations it will be some weeks before it becomes clear who really will be fighting against the drop. Povazska will almost certainly be one candidate. Will Dukla be the other?

Surely Jarosla Jures who moved across town to take over the stumbling army side last seasonwill be able to put the eleven times champions back where they belong with a squad containing four internationsl and another eight players with under-21 caps?

In the Czech Group of the second division Hradec Kralove continue to sweep all before them and lead by three points from Slusovice and Havirov from North Moravi, having dropped only one point, at Frydek Mistek.

In Slovakis ZTS Kosice are challenging Levice for top spot despite only managing a 1-1 draw at home to Hurbanovo, a brewery sponsored club attempting to 'do a Wimbledon.'

BULGARIA by BOB VAUGHAN

Bulgarians crash in Italy

CHERNOMORETZ BURGAS were the league leaders when the championship took a backseat to enable the national squad to pit its wits — and lose 4-0 — against the Italians in a friendly in Cesena.

There was little sign of the individual skill and teamwork shown in the previous month in Erfurt but then there is more than a slight difference between facing the GDR and Italy away!.

At the national level it will be back to the drawing board, the intended goal being the USA in 1994.

In the Champions'Cup CFKA Sredets were well satisfied with progress at the expense of Ruch Chorzow, set up in the first leg by Penev's early strike and completed convincingly in Sofia with four goals to spare.

The story in the other competitions is disastrous, however, a complete whitewash. Chernomoretz Burgas failed in the preliminary round to overcome the Albanians of Dinamo Tirana though the latter's narrow defeat in the first round showed they were no pushovers, while Vitosh'a failure to score at home cost them dear in Antwerp where three goals were insufficient.

The resumed championship proved interesting. Trakia saw off Vratza in Plovdiv 5-0 while the shot shy Vitosha, who could not find the net at home to Antwerp, came good and put seven past Lok Plovdiv, the much criticsed Mikhtarski scoring four times.

Across town Lok Sofia were at home to Sredets in a derby the onesidedness of which was a disappointment. The reigning and likely future champions were far too good for the Railwaymen. Penev scored once to bring his average to exactly two a match and will be missed when he returns to Valencia on a three year contract.

In the Oherno More v Pirin match there was last-minute drama. A 90th minute Pirin equaliser after a hectic scramble in front of goal was initially awarded but then cancelled by the linesmen. Pirin were ready to leave the field in protest.

Hardly less dramatic was surprise early leaders CM Burgas' match with Lok Go whose rugged methods resulted in the removal on stretchers of two Burgas forwards and the home side leading 2-0 at the interval.

Equally unexpected was Lok coming back to tie up the match 2-2 despite having a player sent off.

This was the only point Buregas had dropped in five games and they led the table in front of Sredets, who had played a game fewer, and Etar while Slavia, despite signing a whole new team in the summer, Vitosha and Sofia languish in the middle.

Roberto Baggio rounds Valov to score for Italy in their 4-0 thrashing of Bulgaria.

GREECE from LOUIS ECONOMOPOULOS

Olympiakos fans turn on Detari

NEW trouble at Olympiakos where fans have called for the sacking of Hungarian star Lajos Detari and his father-in-law, Imre Komora.

Trouble blew up soon after Olympiakos appointed Komora as an assistant coach to former national team boss Miltos Papapostolou. Komora had been Detari's original coach and mentor in Budapest with Honved and Papapostolou feared his authority was being undermined.

Sacked

Komora was not only on the coaching staff but he also began work as Detari's personal manager. Papapostolou complained to president Argiris Saliarelis and told him: "Either I go, or Komora goes." Saliarelis responded by sacking Papapostolou on the spot, and promoting Komora as first-team coach in his place.

But at training the following day several hundred Olympiakos fans turned out to jeer Komora and Detari and demand that both be dismissed.

Olympiakos were deeply involved in the multi-million-pound Bank of Crete scandal for which former club president George Koskotas, the financier and publisher, is to stand trial once extradition arrangements from the United States have been completed.

That was not Olympiakos' only problem. There was a nasty indication of what the season may hold in store when crowd violence broke out at a friendly against AEK at the Olympic stadium. With the start of the league programme being delayed while the cup began, both clubs wanted top competitive action to help prepare for Europe.

But they got only 65 minutes' worth. That was when the referee had to abandon the match at 2-2 with chaos in the stands. Some 100 fans and 21 police were injured and many thousands of pounds damage was caused both to the stadium and to those parked cars — including some which belonged to the players — which were battered and set alight.

Papapostolou, then still in charge at Olympiakos, said: "Soon it will be embarrassing to admit being involved in football."

Tragic

Saliarelis blamed deliberate provocation for the trouble. He said: "What happened was not an accident. I am so sorry that such a good match had to end this way. It is tragic to see kids wanting to hurt other kids."

Both clubs were ordered to play their next two home league fixtures behind closed doors.

A week later, at the same stadium but with a much heavier police guard, AEK faced Panathinaikos in the Supercup before a 40,000 crowd. The match ended 1-1 before league champions AEK beat cup-holders Panathinaikos 6-5 on penalties.

Sad farewell to Sofianidis

IN a dingy cell of the Koridallos Prison near Athens recently, former Greek soccer star Lakis Sofianos was found hanging. He decided to end his often troublesome, often heroic life at the end of a twisted bedsheet.

At a young age Sofianos, a member of a large poor family, lost his father. He was often called upon to help feed his family and during the depression he was nearly killed by Nazi bullets after stealing some bread.

Theft became a way of life for young Sofianos and he was often caught by police and sent to a detention home.

But his love for soccer would not be denied and after a short stint with an amateur club he joined Panathinaikos in 1953 and starred for the first division club until 1958. He later played for Olympiakos and Aris before leaving the sport in 1964.

And he always had a soft spot for his poor relatives and friends, providing them with the money he earned and leaving very little for himself.

Unstable

Yet, soccer did not pull him out of his unstable life. He continued to find himself in jail for thefts and later for use of drugs. A number of times Panathinaikos had to pull strings to get him released from jail.

The first time was in 1954 when Panathinaikos played AEK for the Athens championship. That Sunday Sofianos was escorted out of prison by police and scored both goals to lift Panathinaikos to a 2-1 victory.

The second time he was allowed out of jail for a match was in the winter of 1955 with Panathinaikos facing Olympiakos Volos. Despite being in jail for one-and-a-half months, Sofianos was cheered on by the thousands of fans who saw him score five goals and lead Panathinaikos to an 8-1 victory!

He finished as the second highest scorer in the league with nine goals in 1955 and in 1957 with 11 goals. Sofianos also played for the Greek national team during those two years.

There are many stories of Sofianos's gamesmanship. He often threw a handful of dirt in the face of opponents and goalkeepers when the referee was not looking and even scored goals that way.

Panathinaikos, in an effort to help him out, opened a general store for him, but he robbed it so many times that they took it away from him. He then worked as a taxi driver in Athens.

Jail

After giving up soccer in Greece, he left for West Germany, leaving his wife and two daughters to find work in order to send them money. When he returned to Greece, he once again was in and out of jail. In 1971 he lost his arm when he was thrown out of a train by a Yugoslav mob.

Those that knew Sofianos said: "He was very good to everyone, but very bad for himself."

BELGIUM by IAIN MACLEOD

Belgium on the brink

BELGIUM'S 2-2 draw against Switzerland in Basle, while failing to provide an absolute guarantee of World Cup qualification did, however, virtually consign Portugal and Czechoslovakia to contesting the second place spot when they meet in Lisbon on November 15.

By then, Belgium, who conclude their group matches with a home tie against Luxembourg should, barring a major upset, have secured their ticket to Italy, in all probability as group winners.

International success has been high on the agenda in the early stages of the new season. For, if Anderlecht and Mechelen predictably dominated the domestic scene, the small clubs took much of the limelight in the first round of the three European club competitions.

Pride of place went to Antwerp who staged a remarkable recovery in the dying stages of the UEFA Cup tie against Vitosha, of Bulgaria, to rescue a seemingly hopeless cause compounded by the fact that they were reduced to ten men.

Antwerp had gained a creditable goalless draw in the away leg in Sofia. It augured well for the return, though as so often happens when the emphasis is on the home team to carry the game to the visitors, disaster easily strikes.

Antwerp, in fact, had just about given up when an extraordinary turn of events with one minute remaining, led to one of the great European comebacks.

The Bulgarians, displaying the kind of fortitude and guile which is imperative in away legs, relished the counter-attacking opportunities presented by the attack-minded Belgians.

One sucker punch followed the other and, with the match approaching the final minute, and many of the home supporters on their way home, Vitosha, 3-1 ahead on the night and in no apparent danger suddenly experienced the kind of lapse which would have strained the credibility of a work of fiction.

No-one could question Antwerp's resolve, however. Inspired by the former Tottenham striker, Nico Claesen, Antwerp, grateful for the generous allowance of injury time, six minutes in all, scored three times — Claesen got two of them — to sneak in by the odd goal in seven.

Antwerp's reward was a second round tie against Dundee United, themselves well aware of the difficulties confronting provincial clubs. Antwerp lost coach Georg Kessler when the Dutchman announced his retirement at the end of last season but, under the Yugoslav, Dimitri Davidovic, have maintained a strong challenge on the domestic front.

Another Belgian club facing Scottish opposition in the UEFA Cup are FC Liege, the poorer relation of the famous Standard. Liege had no difficulty in seeing off the challenge of Akranes, of Iceland, and had some initial fun with the Hibernian defence.

Nico Claesen — late winner for Antwerp.

Marc Degryse — set for World Cup action with Belgium next year.

Liege have always had to contend with Standard's past glories, though in recent years they have had moderate success in trying to create some history of their own.

They did extremely well last season, finishing third in the championship, and confounding the critics by getting the better of Benfica in the UEFA Cup, before losing 2-0 on aggregate to Juventus, in the third round.

They are, therefore, not unaccustomed to the pressure-cooker atmosphere, and despite the poor start which has left them languishing third from bottom of the Belgian league, will not be too daunted by the journey to Easter Road.

Interest

The same cannot be said of Belgium's other European representatives. Club Brugge, who, having disposed of Twente Enschede will not relish the UEFA Cup tie with Rapid, though the chief interest lies in the two major competitions.

The pairing of Anderlecht and holders Barcelona in the Recopa revived memories of their somewhat infamous tie some years back in the same competition.

Anderlecht, at that time, were one of the top sides in Europe and emphasised the point by winning 3-0 at Parc Astrid, in an ill-tempered match that seemed to suggest an easy passage for the holders.

Nou Camp, of course, is not a place for faint hearts and, as Anderlecht saw their 3-goal lead disintegrate passions spilled over, and so did the match, into extra-time, and eventually the penalty competition which ended Anderlecht's reign.

Barcelona went on to win the competition that year, and will see further success against the Belgians as a good omen. Anderlecht, though, will have other ideas and have enjoyed a more settled start to the season than their ever-controversial Catalan rival.

Mechelen, who have done better than some critics had thought, given the departure of coach Aad de Mos to Anderlecht, face an unenviable tie with Swedish champions, Malmo, the shock conquerors of Inter Milan in the first round.

Mechelen's comfortable victory over Norwegian champions, Rosenborg was none too taxing; the visit to Scandinavia to face Malmo is fraught with more problems, and will provide a more accurate guage of the champions' potential to win a trophy which five years ago was nothing more than a pipe-dream.

Ruud Krol, de Mos's successor has managed to maintain the momentum at Mechelen, and having seen the resurgence at Parc Astrid is well aware of the need for consistency on a long-term basis.

Krol saw his charges survive a potential early season hazard when Club Brugge were the visitors in the third round. Full points from the first two games and victory in the Juan Gamper trophy in Barcelona had given Mechelen an enormous boost.

Brugge, having seen their position as one of the nation's top two clubs undermined in recent years by Mechelen, were desperate to strike an early blow, but in the event left only with the knowledge that the championship was again likely to be a two-horse race.

Goals from Versavel, Emmers and Severeyns put paid to any notion that Mechelen had lost their edge, and the 3-1 victory emphasised how little had changed during the summer.

The town's other club, RC Mechelen went to Parc Astrid to face an Anderlecht side who had carelessly dropped a point in Antwerp the previous week.

They made rather heavy going of this one too, and it took a single strike from Marc Degryse, already repaying his enormous transfer fee, to steer Anderlecht to the two points which kept morale at a higher level than it has been for some time.

Antwerp, blowing hot and cold as always, succumbed 2-0 to Cercle Brugge, who have made the kind of good start to the season which only time will tell whether they have the armoury for a sustained challenge.

The following week Cercle won by the best of three at RC Mechelen, while Club, with Farina scoring twice, had an emphatic 4-1 victory at home to La Gantoise.

But, all eyes focused on the performances of the front two, who both happened to be playing away from home. Anderlecht, judging by the result had much the easier task at Lokeren, where the home side, in the doldrums again, were no match for the mauve-and-whites who won 3-1.

Gudjohnsen, van Tiggelen and Nilis, were the trio responsible for Anderlecht's victory and a consolation goal by Sansom did nothing to alter the belief that Mechelen were in for a tough time in the months ahead.

That was substantiated when it emerged that the champions, away to Lierse, had dropped their first point of the season. Segers scored for the home side while Mechelen were grateful for Clysters' goal that secured a point.

The pendulum swung again the following week, as Mechelen continued to find a rich vein of form at home. The luckless opponents on this occasion were Beveren, who succumbed 4-0; Bosman, Severeyns, Ohana and Clysters were primarily responsible for the route that was to take Mechelen back to the top of the table.

Anderlecht's inconsistent away form was again evident at Charleroi, a traditionally difficult venue for Belgium's leading clubs. So it proved as the goalless draw, reminiscent of the grey, bleak coalmining surroundings of the area forced the Brussels outfit to take a backstep for at least another week.

Pedigree

Cercle Brugge, the season's surprise package kept up the pressure on the leaders with a convincing 3-1 win at home to Lokeren; Club were less impressive, and goals from Ceulemans and Disztl were sufficient only to gain a share of the points at lowly Ekeren.

The test of Cercle's pedigree was to come in round six when they travelled to Brussels to face Anderlecht. It was one they failed miserably as de Mos's more polished outfit scored four without reply, and subsequently discovered that, as a consequence of Mechelen's 0-0 at Liege, they had gone back to the top of the table because of superior goal difference.

Meanwhile, another dark horse, Kortrijk, had taken advantage of Cercle's collapse to move into a largely unheralded third place courtesy of a single goal triumph at Waregem.

So, after six rounds of what is already a hotly contested championship, the predictable battle between the champions Mechelen and the resurgent Anderlecht has materialised with only the small matter of three goals between the two sides.

Anderlecht are much improved this year and, particularly at home are always capable of scoring freely. They have been less impressive out of Brussels, and will know that, Mechelen's tight defence is unlikely to yield little ground when the two sides meet on the champions home patch on November 5.

By then, of course, both clubs will know whether or not they still have any interest in the two major European club competitions. Defeat for either would be a bitter blow at such an early stage of the season, and, Anderlecht, in particular face a daunting task against Barcelona.

Whatever happens in the Mechelen — Anderlecht clash it is already evident from the first half-dozen results that there is little to choose between the two clubs — it will not be surprising if the title is not decided until the final week of what is turning out to be a fascinating season.

HUNGARY by BRIAN O'SULLIVAN

Farkas in World Cup action against Bulgaria in 1966

Magyars' tribute to Farkas

HUNGARY'S show of defiance in recovering to draw 2-2 with already-qualified Spain in Budapest last month — thus delaying the expected qualification for the World Cup finals of the Republic of Ireland — gave the country some hope that improvement is possible.

It came soon after the death of Janos Farkas, aged 47, who played for Vasas and made 33 appearances in the national team, of a heart attack at his home in Budapest on September 29.

Farkas was a direct, powerful, forward whose breathtaking, volleyed, goal against Brazil in the 1966 World Cup Finals in England was perhaps the best in the tournament.

That goal was one of 19 he scored for the national team between December, 1961, and December, 1969, when, recalled after missing the previous four matches, he and his colleagues were submerged by Czechoslovakia who won a World Cup qualifying group play-off match 4-1 in Marseille, France.

Most of his appearances for Hungary were with his great football and drinking friend, Kalman Meszoly. They played together in Hungary's under-16 team which won the UEFA Tournament in 1961, the year in which the pair helped Vasas to the first of the four league titles the steel workers' club were to win in the first half of that decade. He helped the Olympic team to a gold- medal success in Tokyo in 1964 and was the "goal king" in 1966 when his 25 goals helped Vasas win the championship without losing a single match.

These triumphs led up to the 1966 World Cup and it was fitting, therefore, that in the match against Brazil — when the Hungarians, with the graceful Florian Albert in masterly form, gave a memorable display at Anfield — both Farkas and Meszoly, with a penalty, should score.

Later, in the same year, Farkas scored eight times in three matches: once against Denmark in Budapest, all four goals in a 4- 2 win over France, again in Budapest, and then all three in a 3-1 success over Austria, also at home. In the following season another hat-trick came as East Germany lost 3-1 in a European Championship fixture. In 1968 he was selected for a World XI which played against Brazil. For Vasas he scored 169 goals in 219 league matches.

Airport

Farkas made an impact on spectators and players alike with his style but he became fat after retiring and liked the bottle, managing his own bar on the road leading to Ferihegyi, Budapest's airport. Nevertheless, he remained loyal to his club, Vasas, was on the committee at the time of his death, after heart trouble.

That weekend's matches of league football were preceded by one minute's silence in his honour and later, at the Farkasreti temeto (Cemetery of Meadow Wolves) there was Meszoly, Albert, and Hungary's foremost international administrator in football, Gyorgy Szepesi, paying tribute.

Looking around the country's clubs, as well as those foreign ones where Hungarian players reside, there is not anyone with the stature of Farkas. It took a defender, Attila Pinter, to score the two goals by which Hungary managed to draw with Spain who benefitted from some loose marking for their goals. Nine of the 13 players used by Bertalan Bicskei are playing abroad now; perhaps the experience they are gaining will ensure a sound challenge in the 1992 European Championship.

Ujpest Dozsa, after their impressive start in the championship, lost their 100 per cent record in the sixth round, being beaten 4-0 at Pecs. They then had a sequence of winning a match, only to lose the next; after three defeats in five matches they are now equal leaders with MTK-VM, being second because of an inferior goal difference, with 21 points.

Robert Jovan, the young MTK-VM forward, and Jozsef Dzurjak, of Ferencvaros, lead the goal-scoring table with six goals.

Ferencvaros and Vasas share third position with 18 points after Budapest Honved, the defending champions, experienced a lean patch, though they threw the gates open of their Bozsik Stadion for the match against Vasas, when Zoltan Czibor, their former international, kicked off as part of the army club's 40th anniversary. Despite the free football, in which Honved won 2-0, only 5,000 bothered to attend.

A last word for the under-21 selection, 1-0 winners in the UEFA Championship over Spain at Szekesfehervar where Videoton collapsed to a 3-0 home defeat against Hibernian of Scotland, leaving Ferencvaros and Honved in the European club competitions after the first round. MTK-VM, the fourth entrant, were overwhelmed by Dynamo Kiev.

HOLLAND by SIMON KUPER

DISASTER BAN SAY AJAX

"The decision is a disaster for us." — Arie van Eijden, Ajax Amsterdam's general manager, was speaking after the UEFA had decided to ban Ajax from European football for one year.

Van Eijden was right to use the word 'disaster' — the ban is likely to cause his club to fall apart.

The reason, of course, is hooliganism. During a UEFA-Cup tie, Ajax fans threw iron bars at Austria Vienna's players, hitting goalkeeper Franz Wohlfahrt. The referee, Bruno Galler, abandoned the match, saying he could no longer guarantee the players' safety. UEFA's subsequent decision was harsh, but predictable given Holland's bad record of hooliganism.

As if that were not enough, the big league duel with Feyenoord was scarred by more trouble. Two home-made bombs were thrown from a section of Feyenoord supporters among the Ajax fans. Some 14 fans were hurt — and another five were arrested.

What decisions are taken on the domestic crisis is one thing. The Europe ban is another. It will hurt Ajax in many different ways. Most importantly, the club will not find it almost impossible to persuade talented young players to stay in Amsterdam. Ajax have several highly gifted teenagers: Bryan Roy, Richard Witschge, Marciano Vink, and Frank and Ronald de Boer are all first team regulars. But if these players miss the education provided by European football they will cease to develop. The Dutch league is too weak to provide them with any testing competition. Because of this, most of the players I named will probably leave Amsterdam within two years. And Ajax will have great trouble attracting their successors.

European football was a crucial source of revenue for Ajax. The club averages under 15,000 spectators for league matches, but European cup-ties regularly draw 50,000. Then there is the income from TV to consider. This year Ajax sold their European matches to TV 10, a new commercial TV station, who paid a massive sum. Financial experts in European football are expecting TV income to replace gate receipts as the key source of revenue: Ajax is now unlikely to profit from this development.

The incident raises yet again the question of football hooliganism in Holland. The problem has got out of hand. All possible solutions have been tried: talking to fans, increasing the number of policemen at matches, installing closed-circuit television at grounds, and most recently instituting ID cards. Nothing has worked. The saddest aspect of the Ajax episode is that it was entirely predictable. Exactly the same thing happened in Holland two years ago, during Holland-Cyprus, when a fan wounded the Cypriot goalkeeper with a home-made bomb.

While English hooligans beat people up, their Dutch counterparts specialise in throwing things. More than a decade ago an anonymous madman threw a knife at Telstar's defender Fred Bisschot, which missed him by inches. Bombs regularly drop on Dutch football pitches. So many were thrown at Den Haag matches that players became wary of going too close to the sidelines.

At least Holland will be going to Italy next summer. By beating Wales 2-1 in Wrexham last month, the Dutch made all but sure of their place in the World Cup finals. Now they only have to beat Finland at home on November 15 to qualify — no impossible task, to say the least.

The last time Holland played in a World Cup was in 1978, when they reached the final with a side vastly inferior to the present eleven. The level of international football has risen since then, but a team containing Gullit, Van Basten, Rijkaard and Koeman is quite capable of triumphing in Italy.

Critics have pointed to the difficulty Holland had in qualifying. A scrappy 1-0 home win over a weak Welsh side was followed by two draws against West Germany (who had the better of both matches), and a very fortunate 1-0 win against Finland in Helsinki. Only in last month's match in Wales did Holland look anything like the side we saw in the European Championships.

Leader

This does not mean that Holland's triumph in 1988 was a fluke. Rather, the recent poor performances show how dependent Holland is on Jan Wouters and Ruud Gullit, who both missed most of the qualifying matches. Wouters and Gullit are Holland's two most important players.

Gullit is not only a marvellous footballer but also an inspiring leader: the rest of the team feel a lot more confident when he is around. Wouters is nothing like as skilful as Vanenburg, Van Basten or Rijkaard, but he is even more crucial to the team than they are. He has perhaps the best positional sense of any footballer playing today, and his great tactical understanding allows his teammates to function.

As there are very few top-class players in Holland, the national team almost picks itself. This means that when an international gets injured, his replacement is likely to be of a far lower standard. The Dutch could only win the European Championship because all their best players were fit to play.

Because there are so few players of quality in Holland, club football is in a bad way. Of the country's five representatives in Europe this season, three were knocked out in the first round.

Ajax were losing to a very mediocre Austria Vienna even before fans threw metal stakes onto the pitch, Feyenoord Rotterdam surpassed themselves against Stuttgart but still lost, while Twente Enschede were given a hiding by Club Bruges, hardly one of Europe's best teams.

Only PSV and Groningen reached the second round, at the expense of little Lucerne and Ikast. The gloom is heightened by Ajax's two-year ban from European football as a punishment for crowd violence. With hooliganism uncontrollable, a lot of Dutch clubs are wondering whether they will be next.

At home, PSV are top of the table. The champions have got over their shaky start and were most impressive in beating Sparta Rotterdam 9-1 and MVV 8-1. PSV have such a strong squad that internationals sit on the bench every week. They seem to have found the right formation now: Soren Lerby has moved back from midfield to sweeper, where he is able to play at a

Above: Jan Wouters — great reader of the game. Right: Young talent — Witschge

slower pace and can use his vast experience. This is bad news for Josef Chovanec and Michel Boerebach, whom PSV signed to replace Ronald Koeman. Chovanec has already been told that he can leave.

It is up front that competition for a place in the side is strongest. PSV have three international strikers for two positions. The Dutchman Wim Kieft, the Brazilian Romario, and the Dane Flemming Povlsen are all young in-form centre-forwards of the highest calibre. Manager Guus Hiddink has tried playing them all together but that failed. Who is he to leave on the bench? Povlsen and Kieft work well together, but Romario scores the most goals. It is a problem that any manager would be glad to have.

The other success story of Dutch football is currently SVV Schiedam, favourites to win promotion to the premier division. For years the club was Holland's equivalent to Rochdale: SVV only ever played one season in the premier division, and in the lower, first division they almost always finished near the bottom. The club was the poorest in Holland, often drawing just 200 spectators, while bankruptcy threatened annually.

The good times arrived when a millionaire car salesman called John van Dijk became chairman of the club. Thanks to his money, SVV have gone from strength to strength in the last two seasons. Van Dijk has bought several experienced players who had always played premier division football, and not surprisingly they are strolling through the first division.

The new SVV rests on veterans like Keje Molenaar, Ab Plugboer, Jerry Cooke and Peter van Velzen, while Dean Gorre is one of the most exciting young players in Holland. SVV's average attendance is now a dizzy 4,600. When neighbouring Feyenoord were doing badly recently, their angry fans started chanting "Come along to SVV". The premier division eagerly awaits the Schiedam side.

Tirol midfield star Hansi Muller

World Cup men thrill the fans

AUSTRIA by ARTHUR ROTMIL

AUSTRIAN football is currently riding on a crest of a wave precipitated by a remarkable series of successes at international level.

The national side is on course to reach the World Cup finals for the sixth time in history. And all five clubs qualified for the second round of the three European competitions. It is hoped that after years of stagnation the fans will respond to this marvellous revival by returning to watch the games in much bigger numbers.

The foundations to this run of good results have of course been laid by the clubs. The league championship is no longer just a duel between Rapid and FK Austria which was becoming almost montonous. The current title holders FC Tirol and their venerable star manager Ernst Happel have been largely responsible for the re-awakening of football in the provinces. But in the capital Vienna too, there is now a potential rival to the traditional giants in the shape of Admira Wacker.

Their two Germans Fred Schaub and Uwe Muller are consistently in top form. But the big star is the blond, 23-year- old striker Gerhard Rodax who, as I write, has scored 19 goals in 13 league matches. He is now well clear in the running for the European Golden Boot trophy. Admira's manager Ernst Weber says "Rodax is so good, that we shall not be able to hold on to him much longer." Apparently West Germany's Koln have already expressed interest.

Tirol's new hero is the Argentine international Nestor Gorosito who was only engaged because Hansi Muller was injured. Now these two are forming the most scintillating partnership in the league striking from midfield, while Peter Pacult remains the Tyroleans most prolific finisher.

Rapid meanwhile made headlines on account of an unusual "transfer coup." They snatched from bottom placed Wiener Sportklub their three best players, Keglevits, Reisinger and Poigner in exchange for three youngsters without any league experience! WSK is supposedly Rapid's nursery.

RUMANIA

EASY FOR THE BIG TWO

GOOD performances from Steaua and Dinamo home and away meant qualification respectively in the Champions' and Cup-Winners' cups against Fram and Dinamo Tirana, with a total of eight goals for and none against, hardly results which could be bettered though the opposition was not admittedly the strongest.

As unsuccessful on the other hand were Victoria whose home deafeat was decisive despite a draw in Valencia.

Flacara Moreni lost both games to FC Porto who just knew too much for the Rumanian provincials on their debut in top European competition. A 3-1 win over Corvinul Hunedoara did, however, lift Flacara off the penultimate rung shared with Cluj-Napoca in an interesting start to the season.

Capable

Dinamo have continued where they left off in defeating Steaua 3-0 by crushing Petrolul 5-0. Raducioiu notched a hat trick and Andone and Mateut completed the job.

Nevertheless the Oilmen, back in Division A after a year down below, have dropped no other points and look a handy combination, capable of landing a UEFA Cup place.

Also in impressive form are Craiova with a string of wins under Sorin Cirtu.

Important to the team is Gheorghe Popescu, the sole international in the squad, whom they will hope to hang on to. Forwards Jenei and Dragusin have also been recommended for national duty.

Finally, what has happened to Steaua? In the Champions' Cup the answer is not much but in the league sixth place, three points behind Dinamo, will not amuse the army authorities.

NORWAY by BJORN KLOS-HANSSON

Lillestroem's title — again

THE Norweigan season has just ended with Lillestroem SK clear champions eight points in front of last season's double-winners Rosenborg.

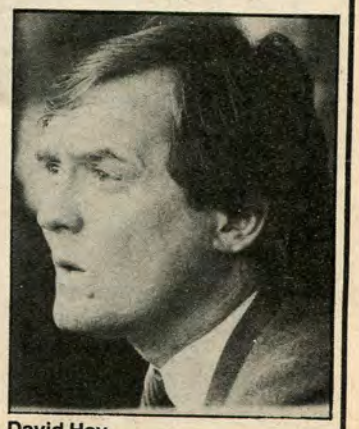
But LSK, with scotsman David Hay in the manager's chair, were not always popular winners. Many people complained about their boring style of play and accused them of having won the title by taking no chances and only thinking defensively.

Lillestroem's total goal tally was only 55 per cent of Rosenborg's. RBK played attractive football, and if it didn't bring them enough league points it brought them almost three times as many spectators as the champions.

In the Cup, both of the big two went out to second division teams in the quarter-finals, so Viking and Molde reached the final.

Unlucky

In the European Cups the Norweigan clubs were unlucky with the draw. Brann were chanceless against Sampdoria, so were Lillestroem against Werder Bremen. Rosenborg played well in their home game with Mechelen of Belgium, but the match ended in a scoreless draw. On home soil Mechelen played better and won 5-0.



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DIARY

WORLD SOCCER'S GLOBAL NEWS SER

OBITUARY

WILLIAM DANIELSEN . . . one of the great old names of Norwegian football, has died aged 73. Danielsen, who played for Viking Stavanger between 1931 and 1952, scored 180 goals in 370 games and played six times for Norway. He was later chairman of Viking and a member of the Norwegian national team selection committee.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

ACTION: Bolivia maintain group leadership in their World Cup section by defeating Peru 2-1 in Lima. Paraguay beat Ecuador 2-1 . . . in the Palestine Cup youth tournament in Iraq, Saudi Arabia beat Qatar 2-1 and Iraq beat South Yemen 2-0 to reach the semi-finals.

BELGIUM: Mechelen are held 1-1 by Lierse, so Anderlecht, 3-1 winners at Lokeren the previous day, are now top, ahead of the champions on goal difference.

BUGARIA: CFKA Sredets thrash Trakia 6-1 and go top as previous leaders Chernomoretz lose 1-0 away to Pirin.

CHILE: More than 100 riot police are sent to protect the Brazilian Embassy for fear of crowd trouble after FIFA decide to award the controversial World Cup-tie in Rio to Brazil by a 2-0 margin.

DENMARK: Allan Simonsen's Vejle lose vital ground in the title race. They lose 3-1 away to B1903 so OB, 3-0 winners at home to Silkeborg, go two points clear at the top.

HOLLAND: PSV Eindhoven beat Ajax 2-0 with goals from Romario but the match is overshadowed by more hooligan trouble. Police arrest 20 Ajax fans and 17 PSV fans before the game and another man is taken to hospital with stab wounds in his chest. More than 100 youths are arrested just before the game after trying to force entry to the stadium without tickets.

ITALY: Champions Inter lose 2-0 away to Sampdoria; Zavarov scores in the first minute and creates another as Juventus beat Ascoli 3-1. On the hooligan front, one Napoli fan is taken to hospital and three Verona fans are arrested in fighting after the match in Verona which Napoli win 2-1. Three policemen are injured.

PORTUGAL: Porto and Sporting maintain their 100 per cent records after three rounds of league action. Porto win 2-1 at Chaves, Sporting win 2-0 at home to Nacional with a debut goal from veteran international Fernando Gomes. Mats Magnusson scores four goals for Benfica in the 5-0 defeat of Beira-Mar.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

DENMARK: The Danish federation accuse the Rumanians of trickery by not telling them of Rumania's friendly last week against Czechoslovakia.

ENGLAND: Tottenham manager Terry Venables is reported undecided over whether to bid for Ajax starlet Brian Roy. But Liverpool strilker John Aldridge confirms his transfer to Spain's Real Sociedad is likely to go ahead later this week.

FRANCE: Crisis at Mulhouse after president Andre Goerig announces his impending departure. Coach Didier Notheaux and star striker Edy Krncevic both say there is no reason for them to stay if Goerig goes . . . hooligan trouble comes to the French courts with two Nantes supporters jailed for starting a fire in the stand at Caen at the weekend. The two fans claimed they were lighting fireworks at the end of the match.

SWITZERLAND: Heinz Hermann, rested from the summer friendly against Brazil, is recalled for the World Cup-tie against Portugal.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

ACTION: European club action begins with advanced ties in the Cup-winners' and UEFA Cups. Top scorers on the night are Sochaux, who beat Jeunesse d'Esch 7-0 in the UEFA Cup.

AUSTRALIA: The ASF withdraws an invitation to Denmark later this year because the Danes cannot guarantee to bring a full-strength side.

ENGLAND: Liverpool destroy Crystal Palace 9-0 in a first division match at Anfield. Nicol, McMahon, Rush, Gillespie, Beardsley, Aldridge (penalty), Barnes, Hysen and Nicol again score the goals in Liverpool's biggest first division victory.

ITALY: Tax office officials say an investigation is to be launched into the football and commercial earnings of Diego Maradona following newspaper revelations about finances. Maradona is reputed to be on a £7million contract with Napoli which extends to 1993 plus £1.4million-a-year from personal and promotional work.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

ACTION: Matches all over Europe in the first round, first leg ties of the Champions', Cup-winners' and UEFA Cups. Among the contrasting results for Europe's big-spenders are an easy 3-0 victory for Marseille at home to Brondby but a 3-1 home defeat for Glasgow Rangers at the hands of Bayern Munich. European champions Milan, despite the absences of injured Gullit and Van Basten, easily beat HJK Helsinki 4-0.

ITALY: Stadium redevelopment work at Cagliari is halted because of safety fears. This follows an incident in August when collapsing girders killed five stadium workmen in Palermo . . . Ruben Sosa, Robert Prytz, Vladislav Djukic and Gustavo Dezotti are among nine players suspended for indiscipline by the federation. Cremonese have their ground shut for one match after fans hurled missiles at the referee and linesmen the previous Sunday after the match against Genoa.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

ACTION: Diego Maradona reappears for Napoli as a second-half substitute in their goalless UEFA Cup draw away to Sporting Lisbon . . . Morocco beat Iraq 3-1 in Baghdad to win the Palestine Cup youth tournament.

BULGARIA: CKFA forward Lyubislav Penev agrees to join Valencia of Spain for £800,000 after turning down an offer from Bayer Leverkusen.

ENGLAND: John Aldridge signs for Real Sociedad from Liverpool for £1.2million.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

CHILE: Sergio Stoppel quits as federation president, blaming pressure of work as diector of a provincial hospital. Vice-president Guillermo Weinstein takes over as caretaker until elections can be arranged.

EAST GERMANY: Karl-Marx-Stadt goalkeeper Jens Welzer is revealed as one of the thousands of East Germans who have fled to the West through the Hungarian border.

GREECE: Some 16 Swansea fans are arrested in Greece after fighting in the seaside resort of Glyfada after the Cup-winners' Cup tie against Panathinaikos.

ITALY: Italy recall Napoli's Massimo Crippa to his squad for the friendly against Bulgaria because of injuries to Nicola Berti and Roberto Donadoni.

TURKEY: Fenerbahce protest to UEFA their fans were attacked by Czech supporters during Wednesday's 3-1 defeat away to Sparta Prague in the Champions' Cup. Fenerbahce spokesmen say: "Catastrophe was avoided only because the Turkish fans did not retaliate and the game could thus continue. Our team lost because of these pressures therefore we apply for the result to be reversed."

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

AUSTRALIA: Former national captain John Kosmina — who had one season in England a decade ago with Arsenal — announces his retirement. Kosmina, who scored 25 goals in 60 full internationals, finished his career with APIA Leichardt in the Australian national league. In all he scored 133 goals in 289 games. Kosmina, 33, bowed out with the comment: "People in charge of the game here still haven't got things right. There are too many inept amateurs involved."

BELGIUM: Hooligan trouble in Antwerp where 65 fans and arrested after fighting following a 1-1 draw in the derby between Antwerp and Beerschot. A tram, several cars and shop windows are damaged around the Beerschot stadium.

FRANCE: Bordeaux and Marseille push themselves clear at the top of the table. Bordeaux beat Cannes 2-0 with first-half goals from Jean-Marc Ferreri and Klaus Allofs. Marseille beat Saint-Etienne by the same margin thanks to goals in the 70th and 80th minutes from Jean-Pierre Papin. Papin now has nine goals in nine games and is France's top scorer. Nice's Luxembourg striker Roby Langers scores a hat-trick in the 3-0 home win over Montpellier.

ITALY: Fiorentina president Lorenzo Righetti threatens to dissolve the official fan club in the aftermath of violence at the previous Wedmesday's UEFA Cup tie away to Atletico Madrid. After tear gas canisters were thrown at Spanish fans, some 50 Italian hooligan fans arrested.

PORTUGAL: In a 1966 Veterans match, England beat Portugal 3-1 in Carcavelos. Gordon Hill, Don Masson and Paul Mariner score for England; Figueiredo for a Portugal team which includes Eusebio and Jose Torres.

SPAIN: Pressure builds up on coach Johan Cruyff as Barcelona go down 2-0 at Oviedo — their second defeat in three league games this season.

SWITZERLAND: Sion win 3-2 away to Servette to overtake Xamax Neuchatel at the top of the table.

WEST GERMANY: Hooligan trouble in West Germany, too. Police arrest 27 people after rival supporters of Hamburg and St Pauli fight a street battle with bottles in central Hamburg. The fighting begins after a group of fans throw bottles at people attending an open-air concert . . . Mustafa Denizli, former aide of Jupp Derwall at Galatasaray, becomes the first Turk to coach in West German when he takes over Alemannia Aachen. He has a disappointing start as Aachen lose 1-0 at home to Rot-Weiss Essen and stay bottom of the second division . . . a magazine survey claims that tennis has superceded soccer as the country's most popular sport . . . Bayern Munich stay top of the first division thanks to a 5-1 win over

THE MONTH AHEAD: NOVEMBER

* = World Cup qualifier. U = European under–21 chp

1.11.89	C1–2–3 2/2
5.11.89	United States v El Salvador*
7.11.89	U:Soviet Union v Turkey
8.11.89	Soviet Union v Turkey*
11.11.89	Italy v Algeria/f
14.11.89	U:Switzerland v San Marino
14.11.89	U:Portugal v Czechoslovakia
14.11.89	U:Spain v Hungary
14.11.89	U:Scotland v Norway
14.11.89	U:Holland v Finland
14.11.89	U:Austria v East Germany
14.11.89	U:Rumania v Denmark
14.11.89	U:Greece v Bulgaria
14.11.89	U:Albania v Poland
15.11.89	West Germany v Wales*
15.11.89	Holland v Finland*
15.11.89	Greece v Bulgaria*
15.11.89	Rumania v Denmark*
15.11.89	Albania v Poland*
15.11.89	Austria v East Germany*
15.11.89	Scotland v Norway*
15.11.89	Spain v Hungary*
15.11.89	Malta v Rep.Ireland*
15.11.89	Portugal v Czechoslovakia*
15.11.89	Switzerland v Luxembourg*
15.11.89	England v Italy/f
18.11.89	France v Cyprus*
19.11.89	Trin/Tobago v United States*
19.11.89	Guatemala v El Salvador*
19.11.89	Tunisia v Cameroon*
22.11.89	C3 3/1
26.11.89	El Salvador v Guatemala*
29.11.89	U:Luxembourg v Czechoslovakia
29.11.89	U:Italy v San Marino

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Bochum. Alan McInally scores twice. A rugged goalless draw between Borussia Dortmund and Koln sees Olaf Janssen of Koln sent off and eight players shown the yellow card.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

ACTION: In vital World Cup action, Uruguay beat Bolivia 2-0 and Colombia win 2-1 at home to Paraguay. In the CONCACAF section the United States score a vital 1-0 win over El Salvador in Tegicigalpa.

GREECE: League action begins with hooligan trouble of its own. At least 35 people are injured and 15 arrested at games in Athens and Salonika. There are also two sendings-off: one red card culprit is Hungarian Imre Boda — but only after he has scored a hat-trick in Olympiakos Volos' 4-3 win over Iraklis. Police in Salonika blame a lack of fan segregation for trouble at the PAOK v AEK match.

HOLLAND: PSV show clear signs of recovering from a slow start to the season as they thrash promoted Den Haag 5-1. Wim Kieft scores a hat-trick. Ajax, held 0-0 at home by leaders RKC, are goalless for the third game in a row.

ICELAND: Akureyri win 2-0 away to Keflavik to secure the championship for the first time in the club's history.

ITALY: Injured Donadoni and Berti pull out of the Italy squad to play Bulgaria . . . Milan claim injured Dutch star Ruud Gullit will be fit to play again from mid-October . . . Napoli come from 2-0 behind to beat Fiorentina 3-2 and go top of the table.Diego Maradona makes his first league appearance of the season, as a substitute and turns on some brilliant footwork as well as missing a penalty. Champions Inter beat reviving Juventus 2-1 thanks to goals from West Germans Lothar Matthaus and Jurgen Klinsmann.

SPAIN: Real Madrid turn in what is described as one of their best home league displays for years in thrashing Valencia 6-2. Michel and Hugo Sanchez each score twice. There is also one goal for Emilio Butragueno, celebrating a new £20,000-a-week contract. Sevilla stay top, the only club with six points from three games.

YUGOSLAVIA: Some 47 hooligan fans and 17 policemen are hurt in clashes among rival fans after Red Star beat old rivals Partizan 1-0

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

BANGLADESH: At least 100 are injured, including ten policemen, when hooligan trouble erupts in Chittagong after Hafez Jute Mill take a 2-1 lead against the popular Mohemmedan Sporting Club.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

BRAZIL: CBF chief Ricardo Teixeira says Sebastiao Lazaroni will carry on as national manager up to and including the World Cup finals.

DENMARK: Aarhus sell under-21 forward Henrik Mortensen to Norwich for £250,000. He had previously had a two-year spell in Belgium with Anderlecht.

FRANCE: Nice reserve goalkeeper Fabien Piveteau is suspended indefinitely by the club after kicking team-mate Toni Kurbos in the face during a training scuffle . . . Aime Jacquet begins a £350,000 legal action for wrongful dismissal against Bordeaux, who sacked him midway through last season.

HOLLAND: Feyenoord force a 1-1 draw away to Den Bosch but remain bottom of the first division.

ITALY: A worker at the new Turin soccer stadium is killed when a drainage trench collapes, burying him alive. This is the sixth World Cup construction death in just over a month.

WEST GERMANY: Eintracht Frankfurt maintain their lively start to the season with a 4-1 win over St Pauli.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

ACTION: Iceland claim a shock 2-1 World Cup win over Turkey in Reykjavik; Switzerland lose 2-1 at home to Portugal . . . in friendly matches,Yugoslavia easily beat Greece 3-0, Spain beat Poland 1-0 and Italy thrash Bulgaria 4-0 with two goals from Roberto Baggio.

BRAZIL: The CBF announces World Cup preparation plans. The squad will be named on April 16, will train at home for three weeks then set off for a camp in the United States or Portugal — arriving in Italy two weeks before the finals begin on June 8.

FRANCE: Battered Toni Kurbos says he will sue team-mate Fabien Piveteau in court for the head injuries suffered in a training scuffle.

ITALY: Film director Franco Zeffirelli announces plans for a six-hour epin on the history of football — to be put together in partnership with World Soccer columnust Brian Glanville.

UNITED STATES: World Cup finalists Costa Rica lose 2-0 to Mexico's Guadalajara in a Camel Cup-tie in Santa Ana, California.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

EAST GERMANY: Magdeburg beat Fortschritt Bischofswerda 4-0 to stay top of the table, ahead of champions Dresden on goal difference.

FRANCE: Chris Waddle makes two goals and scores another as Marseille beat Toulon 4-0. Uruguayan Enzo Francescoli scores twice.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

ACTION: In the World Cup qualifiers, Uruguay edge closer to the finals thanks to a 2-0 win over Peru in Montevideo. Ruben Sosa scores the goals. But Paraguay blow their chances of reaching Italy when they go down 3-1 away to Ecuador. That allows Colombia to stay top of the group and enter a play-off against Israel.

BANGLADESH: More hooligan violence in Chittagong. This time more than 100 people are hurt and there are 25 arrests after a 1-1 draw between champions Abahani SC and Brothers Union. Trouble in the crowd follows trouble on the pitch when the referee apparently halts the match one minute early. Police use steel-tipped batons and 25 canisters of tear gas to disperse the mobs.

GREECE: Hungarian star Lajos Detari scores a hat-trick as Olympiakos beat promoted Ionikos 3- 0.

PORTUGAL: Sweden's Mats Magnusson (two) and Jonas Thern grab three of the goals as Benfica beat Nacional of Madeira 4-1. But neighbours Sporting go top despite being held goalless away to bottom club Penafiel.

SPAIN: Atletico Madrid beat Sevilla 1-0 to go top of the table thanks to a late Baltazar penalty

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

YUGOSLAVIA: Partizan manager Momcilo Vukotic resigns from his other job as team coach. Assistant Ivan Golac takes over Partizan, who are second from bottom of the first division.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

ACTION: Grasshoppers Zurich, who recover from a 3-0 first leg defeat to beat Slovan Bratislava 4-3 on aggregate in the Cup-winners' Cup, provide the day's most dramatic event as the second legs of the European club cups get under way . . . Israel draw 1-1 in Tel-Aviv against Borussia Monchengladbach. This is the Israelis' last test before they fly out to face Colombia in their World Cup play-off.

BELGIUM: A nagging leg injury forces Mechelen midfielder Erwin Koeman to pull out early of Holland's World Cup squad due to face Wales in Wrexham.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

ACTION: Shock of the European club night (first round, second legs) is provided by Sweden's Malmo, who hold Internazionale 1-1 in Milan and squeeze into the second round of the Champions' Cup at the mighty Italians' expense. Sadder still is the fate of the UEFA Cup tie between Ajax and FK Austria. The Amsterdam tie is abandoned in extra time after Dutch hooligan fans hurl iron bars and other missiles at Austrian goalkeeper Wohlfahrt. Also in Holland, police arrest 62 fans at the Feyenoord v Stuttgart tie. Most sensational individual performance is by Celtic's Pole, Dariusz Dziekanowski. He scores four goals against Partizan Belgrade but Celtic, 5-4 winners on the night, are eliminated by the away goals rule.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

UNITED STATES: A post-mortem reveals that former Poland star Kaziu Deyna had been drinking heavily before his car crash death in California.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

FRANCE: Marseille's West German defender Karlheinz Forster returns home for treatment after breaking down on his reappearance — as a substitute — in Wednesday's Champions' Cup tie against Brondby.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

HOLLAND: Dutch police credit video evidence as having helped lead to thearrest of five hooligan fans — including one 17-year-old thought to have thrown the iron bar — for involvement in the trouble on Wednesday night at the Ajax v FK Austria UEFA Cup-tie.

World Soccer's TV Guide

SCREENSPORT

Wed, Nov 1: Top Team Spanish Soccer (twice). Nov 2: Spanish Soccer; Argentina Football 89. Nov 3: Argentina Football.

Sunday, Nov 5: Argentina Football (twice); Spanish Soccer. Nov 6: Spanish Soccer (At.Madrid v Castellon). Nov 7: Spanish Soccer (repeat). Nov 8: Spanish Soccer (Real Sociedad v Real Madrid); Spanish Soccer (At.Madrid v Castellon rpt). Nov 9: Spanish Soccer; Argentina Football. Nov 10: Spanish Soccer; Argentina Football.

Sunday, Nov 12: Argentina Football (three times); Spanish Soccer. Nov 13: Spanish Soccer (Barcelona v Logrones). Nov 14: Spanish Soccer (twice — Barcelona v Logrones rpt; also Real Madrid v Bilbao). Nov 15: Spanish Soccer. Nov 16: Spanish Soccer; Argentina Football. Nov 17: Spanish Soccer; Argentina Football. Nov 18: Argentina Football.

Sunday, Nov v 19: Argentina Football (twice); Spanish Soccer (twice). Nov 20: Spanish Soccer (At.Madrid v Barcelona). Nov 21: Spanish Soccer (twice). Nov 22: Spanish Soccer (At.Madrid v Barcelona rpt; also Tenerife v Real Madrid). Nov 23: Spanish Soccer; Argentina Football. Nov 24: Spanish Soccer; Argentina Football.

Sunday, Nov 26: Spanish Soccer; Argentina Football (three times). Nov 27: Spanish Soccer (Barcelona v Gijon). Nov 28: Spanish Soccer (Barcelona v Gijon; also Real Madrid v Zaragoza). Nov 29: Spanish Soccer. Nov 30: Spanish Soccer; Argentina Football.

EUROSPORT

Wed, Nov 1: 2100-2300, European cup action. Nov 2: 2100-2200, World Cup. Nov 8: 2200-2300, World Cup. Nov 11: 2200-2300 Foreign Football.

Sunday, Nov 12: 1900-2100, Foreign Football. Nov 15: 2100-2400, World Cup. Nov 17: 1900-2000, World Cup. Nov 18: 2200-2300, Foreign Football.

Sunday, Nov 19: 1900-2100, Foreign Football. Nov 22: 2100-2330, European cup action. Nov 25: 2200-2330, Foreign Football.

Sunday, Nov 26: 1900-2100, Foreign Football. Nov 29: 2200-2300, World Cup.

From
PAUL GARDNER
in New York

MOMENTS OF TRUTH FOR AMERICANS

Above: USA face two nerve tingling World Cup qualifying games this month. Below: Pastor Fernandez and his Costa Rica team-mates are Italy bound. Right: American coach Bob Gansler — no risk taker.

Costa Rica in the finals already

THE possibility of the USA's first appearance since 1950 in the final round of the World Cup remains very much alive.

But at the start of the nervous November, the progress of the US team towards Italy should not be followed by those with cardia problems.

The five-team CONCACAF qualifying group has reduced itself to a three-team affair, with El Salvador and Guatemala already mathematically eliminated. Remaining in the hunt for the two qualifying berths are the USA, and Trinidad/Tobago. Costa Rica have already qualified by virtue of the Americans' failure to do better than hold Guatemala to a goal-less draw.

The USA have eight points from six games. Trinidad have nine points with one game left to play. And it is that one game Trinidad/Tobago v US in Port of Spain on November 19 which will decide the group.

To be certain of qualifying, the US team team need first to win at home to El Salvador then to draw with Trinidad. Victory for Trinidad would, however, send them to Italy instead of the US.

On paper, the US task ought not to be too difficult. After all, El Salvador are already out of the running and presumably have no great motivation for even playing the game, never mind struggling to win it. (Though one should mention rumours that insist that the El Salvadorans were offered money — up to $1000 per player — by Costa Rica and Trinidad/Tobago to take at least a point off the USA. Encouraging a team to do what it should be doing anyway — i.e. winning a game — can hardly be called a bribe. The word used is "incentive".

In practice, it is clear that the USA are going to keep everyone biting their nails until that final whistle on November 19.

The "away" game that the US played against El Salvador explains what the problem is. Simply, that the US have great difficulty in scoring goals. Here was a game that looked like an opportunity for some scoring. El Salvador had managed only one point from four previous games. Their home stadium had been banned by FIFA, so the game was played in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

They had repeatedly shuffled their team around, and had got through three coaches. On the Sunday morning of the US game, the latest El Salvadoran coach, Conrado Miranda, sat in the team's hotel and spoke quietly and despairingly of his country's situation saying: "All my players had league games on Friday. We got together yesterday — without our center-forward Oscar Ulloa, who was injured on Friday. We had no practice. We were supposed to travel yesterday, but bad weather cancelled the flight. We got up at 4.30 this morning, got the 7.30 flight, and arrived here in the hotel at 9.00. All my players want to do now is sleep. And we have a game at 3.00 this afternoon."

Not your ideal preparation for an important game. But El Salvador's wores should surely have worked to the advantage of the US, whose only major problem arose on Sunday morning when six of their players were stuck in the hotel lift for half an hour.

But the game was not easy for the US, who dominated but could not put the ball in the net. Relief didn't come until the 61 minute mark when Hugo Perez (ironically, he is a naturalized American citizen, born in El Salvador) scored the game's only goal. The two points were safe, but the USA's goal difference rose only to +2.

The positives for the USA were an impressive debut in goal by 20-year-old Tony Meola (he was not overburdened with acticity, but made one superb save and did everything with considerable class and confidence) and the fact that the team did not allow El Salvador to come back and tie the game. Inability to protect a lead has been a chronic problem.

Not that the Salvadorans ever really posed much of a threat. Their attacking moves were few, and the fact that they nearly got away with a tie can be put down to their goalkeeper Carlos Rivera who made five brilliant saves.

A tense game for the US, and not a particularly attractive one for the small crowd of about 3000.

That was not something that particularly worried the United States Soccer Federation President Werner Fricker. He said afterwards: "It's not important for the US to be an entertaining team right now. The important thing is to qualify for Italy. If I were the coach — or a player — I'd give nothing up."

That is certainly the attitude of coach

Bob Gansler, who is not known as a risk-taker. In six games so far, the US have scored five goals, an output Fricker sees in this light: "The scores that have been achieved would indicate that our approach and attitude is to achieve success, and win, and at the same time minimise the risk."

But if minimising the risk leads only to one-goal wins, then the US stands a very big risk indeed of missing the boat. As it happens, under previous coach Lothar Osiander and with many of the same players, the US's two previous outings against El Salvador produced wins of 4-2 away and 4-1 at home.

The perfect ambassadors

IF EVER there was an unreal soccer game, it took place at Storrs, Connecticut in August. Dnepr, the Soviet champions, against, would you believe, the University of Connecticut.

It ought to have been a rout-no doubt it would have been had the Soviets not played their role as ambassadors to perfection. The final score was a satisfying 3-0 to Dnepr, but the Soviets did, at times, seem to be reluctant to put the ball in the net.

Their coach, Yevgeni Kucherevsky was asked after the game if he was satisfied with his team's finishing and smilingly replied: "Nyet, but it was like a little joke. We did not want to cause any form of embarrassment. The aim wasn't to score as many goals as possible. We wanted to show American fans what Soviet football is like, to entertain them."

Entertaining it certainly was. UConn coach Joe Morrone [illegible] to perfection, and the [illegible] fans saw a level of soccer they don't usually get to watch. At [illegible], over 400 mingled freely with the players at the post-game barbecue.

The only off-key note was sounded by Morrone's insistence on using massive substitution. This is allowed under college rules, which state that players who participate in a game "may be substituted or resubstituted without limitations." Dnepr were sparing in their use of subs. Not so Morrone, who managed to use all 22 of the players at his disposal.

HOW'S THIS FOR IRONY?: a couple of months back, the USSF President Werner Fricker was under relentless attack for not keeping the Federation's expenditures under control.

Among his most vehement criticis were members of the United States Youth Soccer Association (a separate Division of the USSF), led by their Chairwoman Marvis Derflinger.

Now the shoe is well and truly on the other foot with the news that the USYSA is in deep financial trouble. The problems began last year when the USYSA got the idea that it should go into the travel business. In this way, it could at least save money on the many trips that youth groups make, and quite probably make money on more general travel matters. So, the USYSA purchased a travel agency in Memphis called Pegasus Travel.

Poor Pegasus has not been doing well, and now it appears that the USYSA may have lost as much as $400,000 on the venture.

Tight lips all around, with a statement from Derflinger to the effect that all the USYSA members have been informed "of a cash flow problem for USYSA relating to Pegasus Travel."

But if Fricker has come out of that situation looking better than his accusers, things are not so rosy on the television front.

It is only a few months since Fricker managed to convince the USSF's AGM to approve a multi-million dollar deal involving the TV network NBC and its cable affiliate Sports Channel America. The immediate benefit of the deal was the availability of approximately $1 million a year to finance the US national team programme.

Now it appears that the deal may never happen. The key to the deal was the willingness of FIFA to hand over the English-language US television rights to the USSF for nothing, thus allowing the USSF to offer them to NBC as part of the deal. But FIFA now says it will not do this, and is insisting that the rights — like those for the Olympic Games — be subject to a bidding process among the networks.

Fort Lauderdale are the All-American boys

From COLIN JOSE

FORT Lauderdale Strikers, champions of the American Soccer League, came from behind to defeat the San Diego Nomads, champions of the Western Soccer League, 2-1 in San Jose, California on September [illegible] and win the All-American Soccer title.

Played at Spartan Stadium in San Jose before an announced crowd of 3,532, the game marked the first time that the champions of the two U.S. professional leagues had met. The game was televised over a number of regional networks in the United States, but not seen nationally.

After a scoreless first half, Jerome Watson gave San Diego the lead in the 74th minute when he redirected a free kick from midfielder Thien Nguyen past the Strikers veteran goalkeeper Arnie Mausser.

However, that lead lasted just 71 seconds as the Strikers equalised through U.S. international Eric Eichmann. Fort Lauderdale took the lead in the 85th minute when defender Troy Edwards nodded in a cross from Marcelo Carerra, and Carrera scored the third himself in the final minute.

Experience

"I was disappointed that we didn't win, but very proud that we were involved," said San Diego coach Derek Armstrong, who coached nearly all of the players on the Nomad roster during their youth soccer days. "From a tactical and technical viewpoint, we did well at times, but maybe Fort Lauderdale's experience proved to be the difference in the end."

Apart from U.S. national team goalkeeper Jeff Duback, the San Diego players were largely unknown, while the Strikers line-up included in addition to Mausser, Victor Moreland, Ricardo Alonso and player coach Thomas Romngen all of whom made names for themselves in the North American Soccer League. During the regular season Ossie Ardiles also played in eight games for the Strikers.

Fort Lauderdale: Mausser — McGeoch, Edwards, Rongen, Moreland — Borden, Eichmann, Carrera, Donev — Alonso, Magallanes.

Other noteable players playing in the ASL this season were England international Paul Mariner with the Albany Capitals (two goals in 13 games), Peruvian international Teofilo Cubillas with the Miami Sharks, former New York Cosmos starts Hubert Birkenmeier and Andranik Eskandarian with the New Jersey Eagles, Irish international and former Liverpool player Mark Lawrenson with the Tampa Bay Rowdies and England international Tony Morley who played two games for Tampa at the start of the season.

Eric Eichmann

Tampa were once again coached by Rodney Marsh, while Johnny Kerr, one-time director of the North American Soccer League Players' Association was at the helm of the Washington Stars. Included in his line-up was his son of the same name who played for Portsmouth and Peterborough in 1987 and1988.

Following the game representatives of the two leagues, who plan to merge and form the first United States national league issued the following statement: "The ASL and WSL continue to make positive progress on the planned merger of the two leagues. We are, quite frankly, right on the time schedule we envisaged when the original announcements were made last spring."

One thing the American Soccer League (the WSL does not announce attendances — will have to address is a lack of interest in some of its ten cities. The Maryland, Miami and New Jersey franchises averaged below one thousand fans per game in 1989, and Miami had attendances of just 225 and 250 for their last two home games.

Only one ASL game all season attracted over ten thousand fans and that was Tampa's home game against Miami on July 4, which drew 19,211 for the combined game and Independence Day celebrations. It helped Tampa to a league leading average of 5,801.

ASL attendances for the past two seasons are as follows:

	1988	1989
Albany Capitals	979	1,884
Boston Bolts	2,559	2,362
Fort Lauderdale Strikers	4,245	3,920
Maryland Bays	1,110	945
Miami Sharks	1,165	845*
New Jersey Eagles	1,962	931
Orlando Lions	2,712	2,761
Tampa Bay Rowdies	5,513	5,801
Washington Diplomats	1,545	1,864*
Washington Stars	1,975	2,839*

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INTERNATIONAL RESULTS

WEEK ENDING JULY 23

FRANCE

Lyon 1 (Genesio 60), Marseille 4 (Papin 5, Sauzee 8, Eyraud 14, Mozer 51). Att: 24,551.
Montpellier 4 (Paille 14, Blanc 55, 80, Guerin 59), Cannes 1 (Ekstroem 53). Att: 15,000.
Toulouse 3 (Despeyroux 11, Marcico 29, Delpech 57), Mulhouse 0. Att: 10,812.
Toulon 2 (Pister 9, Bursac 88), St Etienne 0. Att: 12,000.
Nantes 2 (Jakovljevic 26, Youm 65), Auxerre 1 (Kovaka 34). Att: 20,000.
Lille 1 (Mobati 16), Caen 0. Att: 7,257.
Sochaux 1 (Carrasco), Brest 0. Att: 6,500.
Nice 3 (Langers 10, Ricort 40, BocandQ 47), Paris St Germain 3 (Calderon 2, 48, Jeannol 65). Att: 13,132.
Racing Paris 0 Monaco 0. Att: 12,000.
Metz 0, Bordeaux 0. Att: 17,235.

WEEK ENDING JULY 30

FRANCE

Marseilles 1 (Eyraud 43), Nantes 0. Att: 39,233.
Bordeaux 4 (Ferreri 6, 40, Den Boer 12, Allofs 62), Racing Paris 0. Att: 25,000.
Cannes 0, Toulon 0. Att: 8,147.
Paris St-Germain 1 (SQne 75), Metz 0. Att: 20,000.
Monaco 2 (MQge 2, Weah 49), Sochaux 1 (Oudjani 50). Att: 6,364.
Mulhouse 2 (Der Zakarian 40, Subiat 85), Montpellier 0. Att: 10,000.
Lyon 3 (Kabongo 16, 55, Brisson 64), Toulouse 0. Att: 15,572.
Caen 3 (Domergue 5, Divert 23, 48), St Etienne 2 (Tibeuf 4, Witschge 88). Att: 11,799.
Auxerre 1 (OtokerQ 67), Nice 0. Att: 6,500.
Brest 1 (Van Herpen 55), Lille 0. Att: 7,556.

WEST GERMANY

St Pauli 0, Werder Bremen 0. Att: 21,000.
Bayer Leverkusen 1 (Lesniak 78), Borussia Dortmund 0. Att: 22,000.
Bayern Munich 3 (McInally 36, 46, Mihajlovic 89), Nurnberg 2 (Hausmann 40, Turr 84). Att: 57,000.
Kaiserslautern 2 (Kuntz 1, 24 pen), Borussia Monchengladbach 1 (Effenberg 56pen). Att: 30,000.
Bayer Uerdingen 3 (Witeczek 29, W Funkel 37 pen, Mathy 40), Homburg 0. Att: 10,000.
Stuttgart 2 (Hartmann 30, Kastl 38), Karlsruhe 0. Att: 34,000.
Bochum 0, Koln 1 (Rahn 58 pen). Att: 21,000.
Eintracht Frankfurt 3 (Andersen 2, Hobday 59, Eckstein 70), Waldhof Mannheim 1 (Freiler 44). Att: 31,000.
Fortuna Dusseldorf 1 (Krumpelmann 53), Hamburg 1 (Furtok 87). Att: 35,000.

WEEK ENDING AUGUST 6

FRANCE

Montpellier 1 (Ferhaoui 31), Bordeaux 2 (Den Boer 51, Allofs 76). Att: 10,000.
Toulouse 2 (Reichert 14, G.Passi 36), Marseille 1 (Waddle 6). Att: 28,094.
Toulon 2 (Bursac 6, Bognar 78), Caen 0. Att: 10,000.
Nantes 2 (Robert 65, Burrachaga 67), Lyon 1 (Genesio 83). Att: 17,000.
Sochaux 1 (Thomas 85), Paris St-Germain 0. Att: 7,000.
Lille 1 (PQrilleux 44), Monaco 1 (Weah 69). Att: 6,352.
Nice 2 (BocandQ 20, Langers 41), Mulhouse 0. Att: 7,543.
Metz 2 (BQnQdet 1, Zenier 29), Auxerre 1 (Ferrer 2). Att: 13,759.
Racing Paris 3 (Fernier 8, 80, Placido 89), Cannes 2 (Bellone 18, Mengual 84). Att: 3,000.
St Etienne 2 (Mendy 62, 88), Brest 0. Att: 13,000.
Bordeaux 1 (Durand 26), Sochaux 0. Att: 28,000.
Nantes 5 (Robert 48, Jacovljevic 58, 68, 85, Deschamps 60), Racing Paris 1 (Fernier 71). Att: 12,579.
Marseille 2 (Papin 39, Francescoli 51), Metz 1 (ZQnier 85). Att: 32,115.
Auxerre 2 (Vahirua 63, OtokorQ 73), Toulouse 2 (Da Fonseca 10, G.Passi 34). Att: 6,500.
Paris St-Germain 2 (Susic 8, Le Roux 62), Montpellier 1 (Cantona 32). Att: 27,320.
Monaco 0, St Etienne 0. Att: 9,267.
Mulhouse 4 (Sliskovic 7, Priou 14, Keller 25, Neveu 89), Toulon 0. Att: 6,656.
Lyon 2 (Kabongo 23, Brisson 28), Nice 0. Att: 15,753.
Brest 2 (Cabanas 67, 71), Caen 1 (Dumas 84). Att: 6,000.
Cannes 3 (Mengual 15, 45, 52), Lille 0. Att: 6,000.

WEST GERMANY

Hamburg 1 (Jusufi 62), Eintracht Frankfurt 1 (Andersen 14). Att: 15,500.
Karlsruhe 0, Bayer Uerdingen 0. Att: 15,000.
FC Homburg 2 (Jurgeleit 20, Baranowski 83), Kaiserlautern 2 (Wuttke 38, Kuntz 67 pen). Att: 22,000.
Borussia Monchengladbach 0, Bayern Munich 0. Att: 34,500.
Nurnberg 2 (Sane 6, 50), Bayer Leverkusen 2 (Demandt 40, Schreier 82). Att: 21,500.
Borussia Dortmund 3 (Mill 8, Zorc 29, Driller 72), St Pauli 1 (Golke 21). Att: 43,000.
Werder Bremen 2 (Burgsmuller 5, Rufer 61), Fortuna Dusseldorf 2 (Chaloupka 41, Schutz 82). Att: 18,000.
Waldhof Mannheim 3 (Dais 5 pen, Rudel 38, Freiler 66), Bochum 2 (Kohn 8 pen, Kempe 89). Att: 12,000.

WEEK ENDING AUGUST 13

FRANCE

Lille 0, Bordeaux 1 (Den Boer 54). Att: 12,000.
Toulouse 1 (Marcico 67), Nantes 1 (Le Guen 79). Att: 14,200.
Nice 1 (Langers 65), Marseille 1 (Papin 7). Att: 18,286.
St-Etienne 1 (Witschge 46), Paris St-Germain 2 (Susic 10, Charbonnier 60). Att: 15,000.
Toulon 2 (Bognar 19, 59), Brest 0. Att: 9,000.
Sochaux 3 (Henry 7, Oudjani 9, 79), Cannes 0. Att: 5,500.
Metz 2 (Black 74, ZQnier 86), Lyon 3 (McCarthy 52, Garcia 56, Brisson 70). Att: 13,402.
Caen 1 (Dewilder 88), Monaco 1 (Hoddle 21). Att: 10,711.
Racing Paris 2 (Fernier 11, Bouderbala 61), Mulhouse 1 (Andrieux 26). Att: 3,000.
Montpellier 1 (Paille 5), Auxerre 0. Att: 18,000.

WEST GERMANY

Koln 0, Stuttgart 0. Att: 33,000.
Bayer Leverkusen 0, Borussia Monchengladbach 0. Att: 16,700.
St Pauli 0, Nurnberg 1 (Wirsching 53). Att: 18,000.
Werder Bremen 2 (Rufe 10, Helmer og 32), Borussia Dortmund 0. Att: 25,000.
Kaiserlautern 5 (Labbadia 10, 58, Friedmann 63, Kuntz 79, Schupp 89 pen), Karlsruhe 1 (Sternkopf 75). Att: 29,000.
Bayer Uerdingen 2 (Witczek 49, 83), Koln 3 (Povlsen 17, Janssen 73, Gortz 75). Att: 20,000.
Stuttgart 1 (Kastl 50), Waldhof Mannheim 0. Att: 28,000.
Bochum 3 (Wegmann 43, kempe 84, Leifeld 88), Hamburg 1 (Von Heesen 63). Att: 15,000.
Bayern Munich 1 (Kogl 84), Homburg 0. Att: 28,000.
Fortuna Dusseldorf 1 (Buskens 79), Eintracht Frankfurt 2 (Andersen 15, Binz 89). Att: 13,000.

WEEK ENDING AUGUST 20

FRANCE

Bordeaux 1 (Den Boer 86), St-Etienne 0. Att: 26,925.
Marseille 2 (SauzQe 8, Mozer 30), Montpellier 0. Att: 39,644.
Paris St-Germain 2 (Charbonnier 20, Susic 24), Lille 1 (Mobati 71). Att: 17,000.
Lyon 0, Sochaux 4 (Hadzibegic 64, Oudjani 73, Thomas 81, Frotey 87). Att: 23,751.
Nantes 2 (Henry 3, Jakovljevic 10), Nice 2 (Langers 50, 88). Att: 25,000.
Monaco 2 (Weah 40, MQge 70), Brest 0. Att: 5,916.
Toulouse 0, Toulon 0. Att: 10,270.
Mulhouse 2 (Sliskovic 30, Krncevic 47), Metz 2 (ZQnier 64, Vucicevic 74). Att: 9,000.
Auxerre 2 (Scifo 7, 44), Racing Paris 0. Att: 12,000.
Cannes 3 (Mlinaric 34, Mengual 75, 79), Caen 1 (Divert 19). Att: 6,000.

WEST GERMANY

Koln 4 (Rahn 51, 67, Littbarski 54, Habler 56), Kaiserlautern 1 (Hartmann 88). Att: 30,000.
Borussia Dortmund 1 (Moller 86), Fortuna Dusseldorf 0. Att: 39,000.
Eintracht Frankfurt 4 (Grundel 19, Turowski 30, 57, Andersen 64), Bochum 0. Att: 25,000.
Hamburg 1 (Von Heesen 74), Stuttgart 0. Att: 12,500.
Karlsruhe 3 (Kreuzer 11, 18, Hermann 53), Bayern Munich 3 (Dorfner 5, 28, Thon 36). Att: 37,000.
FC Homburg 2 (Hetmanski 29, Theiss 52 pen), Bayer Leverkusen 1 (Kroe 88 pen). Att: 10,000.
Waldhof Mannheim 1 (Dais 55), Bayer Uerdingen 1 (Stickroth 88). Att: 12,000.
Nurnberg 1 (Wirsching 13), Werder Bremen 1 (Borowka 41). Att: 36,000.
Borussia Monchengladbach 4 (Effenberg 52, Criens 62, Hochstatter 75, Budde 89), St Pauli 1 (Wenzel 80). Att: 12,000.

WEEK ENDING AUGUST 27

FRANCE

Caen 1 (Divert 57), Bordeaux 0. Att: 12,138.
Brest 0, Paris St-Germain 1 (Susic 83). Att: 12,474.
Racing Paris 1 (Fernier 33), Marseille 1 (Germain 68). Att: 28,071.
Toulon 2 (Bursac 15, Anziani 61), Monaco 0. Att: 12,715.
Sochaux 0, Auxerre 0. Att: 8,000.
Metz 1 (Casini 44), Nantes 1 (Lowitz 45). Att: 12,735.
Nice 1 (Ricort 41), Toulouse 1 (Passi 63). Att: 8,637.
Lille 1 (Fiard 45), Mulhouse 1 (N'Diaye 24). Att: 6,250.
Montpellier 2 (Biane 30, Julio CQsar 53), Lyon 0. Att: 10,000.
St-Etienne 1 (E.Mendy 45), Cannes 0. Att: 12,307.

ITALY

Ascoli 0, Napoli 1 (Crippa 24). Att: 13,000
Atalanta 1 (Madonna 42), Verona 0. Att: 20,000.
Bari 1 (Maiellaro 39), Fiorentina 1 (Baggio 78). Att: 34,000.
Cesena 0, Milan 3 (Stroppa 8, Borgonovo 11, Massaro 44). Att: 28,000.
Inter 2 (Gualco og 63, Brehme 87), Cremonese 1 (Dezotti 83). Att: 45,000.
Juventus 1 (Marocchi 13), Bologna 1 (Poli 40). Att: 42,000.
Lazio 0, Sampdoria 2 (L Pellegrini 28, Vialli 34). Att: 20,000.
Udinese 1 (Simonini 44), Roma 1 (Tenpestilli 31). Att: 22,000.

WEST GERMANY

Bayern Munich 5 (Wohlfarth 17, Thon 31, 82pen, 85, Dorfner 61), Koln 1 (Gotz 68). Att: 68,000.
Fortuna Dusseldorf 2 (Klotz 71, Fuchs 78), Bochum 2 (Leifeld 37, 51). Att: 14,500.
Bayer Leverkusen 1 (Kree 44), Karlsruhe 1 (Kreuzer 62). Att: 8,000.
Kaiserlautern 2 (Kuntz 30, Foda 85), Waldhof Mannheim 3 (Uller 19, Dais 32, Freiler 39). Att: 29,640.
Stuttgart 1 (Kastl 7), Eintracht Frankfurt 1 (Falkenmayer 66 pen). Att: 31,000.
Bayer Uerdingen 5 (Laudrup 12, 81, W Finkel 27, Fach 43, 87), Hamburg 2 (Sporl 44, Furtok 66). Att: 7,000.
Werder Bremen 0, Borussia Monchengladbach 0. Att: 21,149.
Borussoa Dortmund 2 (Wegmann 30, Schulz 72), Nurnberg 1 (Wirsching 22). Att: 33,450.
St Pauli 1 (Kocian 74), FC Homburg 1 (Gerstner 88). Att: 16,300.
Hamburg 3 (Furtok 38, Von Heesen 49, Jusufi 69), Kaiserlautern 0. Att: 10,200.
Koln 1 (Ordenewitz 40), Bayer Leverkusen 1 (Kree 70). Att: 18,000.
Karlsruhe 0, St Pauli 0. Att: 12,000.
FC Homburg 1 (Theiss 4), Werder Bremen 1 (Harttgen 72). Att: 9,000.
Borussia Monchengladbach 0, Borussia Dortmund 0. Att: 22,000.
Nurnberg 3 (Schneider 78, Sane 81, Wagner 88), Fortuna Dusseldorf 0. Att: 16,000.
Bochum 2 (Leifeld 5, 35), Stuttgart 0. Att: 13,500.
Eintracht Frankfurt 2 (Weber 87, Sippel 90), Bayer Uerdingen 1 (Bartram 71). Att: 19,000.
Waldhof Mannheum 1 (Guttler 68), Bayern Munich 0. Att: 15,000.

WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 3

FRANCE

Bordeaux 3 (Den Boer 38, Lizarazu 75, Ferreri 88), Brest 0. Att: 20,000.
Marseille 6 (Mozer 7, Papin 9, 34, 52, 88, SauzQe 11), Sochaux 1 (Croci 39). Att: 33,601.
Paris St-Germain 1 (Perez 70), Toulon 1 (Jeannol 77). Att: 18,768.
Nantes 1 (Henry 34), Montpellier 1 (Blanc 73). Att: 23,240.
Toulouse 2 (G.Passi 49, 89), Metz 0. Att: 11,517.
Cannes 0, Monaco 0. Att: 10,657.
Auxerre 3 (Scifo 58, 66, Kovacs 80), Caen 0. Att: 9,550.
Nice 1 (Ricort 14), Lille 1 (Vandenburgh 84). Att: 5,408.
Mulhouse 1 (Krncevic 45), St-Etienne 2 (E.Mendy 60, 63). Att: 6,091.
Lyon 1 (BarQ 78), Racing Paris 1 (Fernier 70). Att: 17,423

ITALY

Bologna 2 (Giordano 28, 60 pen), Inter 2 (Klinsmann 40, Mandorlini 72). Att: 34,000.
Cremonese 1 (Limpar 67), Cesena 2 (Dukic 51, Agostini 70). Att: 20,000.
Fiorentina 0, Genoa 0. Att: 10,000 (at Pistoia).
Lecce 2 (Moriero 27, Pasculli 74), Atalanta 1 (Madonna 71). Att: 23,000.
Milan 0, Lazio 1 (Maldini og 41). Att: 55,000.
Napoli 1 (Renica 48), Udinese 0. Att: 45,000.
Roma 0, Ascoli 0. Att: 13,000 (at Pescara).
Sampdoria 0, Bari 0. Att: 21,000.
Verona 1 (Iorio 77), Juventus 4 (Schillaci 4, 11, Fortunato 48, Marocchi 56). Att: 32,000.

SPAIN

Valencia 1 (Fernando 86 pen), Atletico Madrid 3 (Futre 30, 63, Manolo 90). Att: 47,000.
Valladolid 2 (Jankovic 17, Damien 66), Barcelona 0. Att: 20,000.
Bilbao 1 (Gantano 28), Real Sociedad 0. Att: 40,000.
Malaga 1 (Paquito 30), Celta 1 (Zambrano 38). Att: 18,000.
Osasuna 1 (Sola 34), Mallorca 0. Att: 14,000.
Real Madrid 2 (Michel 5, Hugo Sanchez 26), Gijon 0. Att: 70,000.
Zaragoza 3 (P Salinas 60, Villaroy 70, Pardeza 85), Rayo Vallecano 0. Att: 32,000.
Oviedo 1 (Vinyals 63), Castellon 1 (Moises 35). Att: 20,000.
Cadiz 0, Logrones 1 (Maniel 73). Att: 20,000.
Sevilla 1 (Polster 85), Tenerife 0. Att: 37,000.

WEST GERMANY

St Pauli 1 (Manzi 83), Koln 1 (Gotz 70). Att: 20,000.
Bayer Leverkusen 3 (Buncol 2, 67, Demandt 75), Waldhof Mannheim 0. Att: 7,000.
Bayern Munich 4 (Thon 29, Wolfarth 31, 90, Kastenmaier 69), Hamburg 0. Att: 28,000.
Kaiserlautern 2 (Kuntz 18 pen, 48), Eintracht Frankfurt 1 (Dinz 90). Att: 25,500.
Bayer Uerdingen 3 (Fach 20, 36, Laudrup 64), Bochum 1 (Leifeld 79). Att: 11,500.
Nurnberg 2 (Wirsching 53, Hausmann 63), Borussia Monchengladbach 0. Att: 25,500.
Borussia Dortmund 3 (Rummenigge 7, Helmer 61, Zorc 89), FC Homburg 0. Att: 28,603.
Werder Bremen 4 (Bratseth 34, Bockenfeld 36, Rufer 46, 48), Karslruhe 0. Att: 15,000.
Fortuna Dusseldorf 4 (Schutz 12, 62,

Rada 45, 65), Stuttgart 1 (Walter 8). Att: 13,500.

WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 10

BELGIUM

RC Mechelen 0, Cer. Bruge 2 (Cooman 75, De Nil 88). Att: 2,200.
Lierse SK 1 (Segers 57), KV Mechelen 1 (Clijsters 56). Att: 12,200.
Beveren 4 (Kusto 40, van Ankeren 42, 82, van Vossen 84), KV Kortrijk 1 (Janssen 46). Att: 6,000.
Antwerp 2 (Van Rooy 7 pen, Claesen 84), St.Truiden 0. Att: 10,000.
Club Brugge 4 (Farina 7, 13, Christiaens 9, Ceulemans 73 pen), AA Gent 1 (Augustine 6). Att: 15,000.
FC Luik 0, Standard Luik 0. Att: 25,000.
Lokeren 1 (Samson 86), Anderlecht 3 (Gudjohnson 27, van Tiggelen 80, Nilis 88). Att: 9,000.
Germ.Ekeren 1 (Hofmans 57), Charleroi 0. Att: 5,000.
Waregem 4 (Teppers 19, 85, Niederbacher 50, 74), Beerschot 0. Att: 4,000.

FRANCE

Monaco v Marseille, postponed to Nov 22.
Toulon 0, Bordeaux 2 (Allofs 41, 51). Att: 15,000.
Racing 2 (Lima 5, Fernier 15), Paris SG 2 (Calderon 25 pen, 87 pen). Att: 25,000.
Caen 2 (Divert 56, Rix 76), Nantes 0. Att: 10,670.
Sochaux 0, Mulhouse 0. Att: 7,000.
Montpellier 1 (Xuereb 70), Toulouse 0. Att: 15,000.
Saint-Etienne 1 (Gros 72), Lyon 0. Att: 40,412,
Lille 2 (Pele 10, Boli og 34), Auxerre 1 (Vahirua 24). Att: 6,948.
Metz 0, Nice 0. Att: 12,084.
Brest 2 (Buscher 6, 60 pen), Cannes 0. Att: 6,223.

HOLLAND

Fortuna Sittard 2 (Custers 54, 71), Den Bosch 0. Att: 5,000.
Feyenoord 3 (Van Geel 10, 55, Troost 87), FC Groningen 3 (Olde Riekerink 2, Roossien 12, Eijkelkamp 70). Att: 10,113.
Utrecht 2 (Lettinck 41, Willaarts 81), Willem II 1 (Godee 45). Att: 8,000.
Volendam 2 (Zwarthoed 40, Berghuis 87), Roda 0. Att: 5,000.
RKC 3 (Schapendonk 31, 57, Hoekstra 87), NEC 1 (Arts 53pen). Att: 3,000.
PSV 2 (Romario 56, 77), Ajax 0. Att: 27,000.
MVV 3 (Delahaye 34, Vincent 39, Quaden 48), Den Haag 0. Att: 5,000.
Twente 2 (Steffensen 72, Nielsen 77), Sparta 0. Att: 5,500.
Vitesse 4 (Van den Brom 34, 45, 67, Koolhof 82), Haarlem 0. Att: 6,800.

ITALY

Ascoli 2 (Cvetkovic 83, 85), Sampdoria 1 (Salsano 81). Att: 12,000.
Atalanta 0, Milan 1 (Ancelotti 35). Att: 29,000.
Bari 2 (Gerson 33, Scarfoni 36), Verona 1 (Gutierrez 84). Att: 30,000.
Cesena 0, Napoli 0. Att: 18,000.
Genoa 0, Roma 2 (Voller 59 pen, 83). Att: 24,000.
Inter 2 (Klinsmann 34, Brehme 73 pen), Lecce 1 (Pasculli 30). Att: 45,000.
Juventus 3 (Casiraghi 25, Schillaci 75, Alessio 89), Fiorentina 1 (Kubik 39). Att: 36,000.
Lazio 1 (Sosa 62), Cremonese (Dezotti 20). Att: 25,000.
Udinese 1 (Orlando 17), Bologna 1 (Villa 89). Att: 25,000.
Bologna 3 (Lorenzo 35, Bonini 76, Marronaro 82), Bari 1 (Scarafoni 84). Att: 25,000.
Cremonese 0, Genoa 1 (Aguilera 29). Att: 10,700.
Fiorentina 1 (Baggio 72 pen), Lazio 0. Att: 9,600.
Verona 1 (Guttierez 62), Napoli 2 (Mauro 38, Careca 51 pen). Att: 19,000.
Juventus 3 (Zavarov 1, Bonewtti 22, Schillaci 71), Ascoli 1 (Casagrande 52). Att: 25,000.
Lecce 2 (Marino 20, Pasculli 33 pen), Cesena 1 (Esposito 47). Att: 20,000.
Milan 3 (Ancelotti 43, Massarpo 75, Rijkaard 84), Udinese 1 (Balbo 46). Att: 53,000.
Roma 4 (Desideri 14, Gerolin 17, Berthold 27, Voller 55), Atalanta 1 (Caniggia 5). Att: 23,000.

SPAIN

Castellon 0, Real Madrid 0. Att: 28,000.
Atletico Madrid 1 (Futre 45), Cadiz 0. Att: 25,000.
Barcelona 4 (Laudrup 8, Koeman 72, 83, Eusebio 80), Osasuna 0. Att: 50,000.
Mallorca 2 (Claudio 42, Vulic 53), Oviedo 2 (Carlos 3, Bango 64). Att: 20,000.
Rayo Vallecano 2 (Argenta 29, Soto 38), Valladolid 1 (Jankovic 64). Att: 19,000.
Real Sociedad 2 (Vallabona 29, Montxaka 88 pen), Zaragoza 1 (Villaroya 69). Att: 18,000.
Tenerife 1 (Rommel 46), Bilbao 1 (uralde 53). Att: 20,000.
Gijon 1 (Villa 12), Valencia 1 (Eloy 79). Att: 16,800.
Celta 0, Sevilla 1 (Diego 70). Att: 27,000.
Logrones 1 (Linde 83), Malaga 0. Att: 12,000.

WEST GERMANY

Hamburg 0, Bayer Leverkusen 1 (Schreier 38). Att: 8,700.
Koln 4 (Littbarski 8, 69, Rahn 14, Sturm 85), Werder Bremen 2 (Bode 78, 87). Att: 21,000.
Karlsruhe 2 (Hermann 48, Simmes 49), Borussia Dortmund 1 (Moller 80). Att: 18,000.
FC Homburg 0, Nurnberg 1 (Brunner 76). Att: 8,000.
Borussia Monchengladbach 3 (Bruns 39 pen, Buddo 57, Criens 75), Fortuna Dusseldorf 1 (Fuchs 78). Att: 28,000.
Stuttgart 1 (Buchwald 42), Bayewr Uerdingen 0. Att: 16,300.
Bochum 2 (Kohn 49, Wegmann 77), Kaiserlautern 0. Att: 13,500.
Eintracht Frankfurt 1 (Bein 57), Bayern Munich 2 (McInally 36, Wohlfarth 80). Att: 34,000.
Waldhof Mannheim 0, St Pauli 1 (Otten 75).

WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 17

BELGIUM

Mechelen 4 (Bosman 11pen, Severeyns 69, Ohana 85, Clijsters 89), Beveren 0. Att: 8,000.
Gent 1 (Janssens 59), Lierse 1 (Viscaal 41). Att: 8,500.
St Truiden 0, Racing Mechelen 0. Att: 6,500.
Beerschot 1 (Goots 54), Antwerp 1 (Van Rooy 82). Att: 12,250.
Standard 1 (Vandersmissen 82), Waregem 1 (Niederbacher 64). Att: 10,000.
Charleroi 0, Anderlecht 0. Att: 21,500.
Germinal Ekeren 2 (Vos 75, 86), Club Brugge 2 (Ceulemans 10, Disztl 20). Att: 7,750.
Cer.Brugge 3 (Frenay 3, Weber 38, Karaic 89), Lokeren 1 (Schoofs 5). Att: 4,500.
KV Kortrijk 1 (Verspaille 90), Liege 0. Att: 7,250.

FRANCE

Lyon 2 (Garde 63, Brisson 70), Lille 1 (Pele 23). Att: 14,214.
Marseille 2 (Papin 69, 79), St.Etienne 0. Att: 30,187.
Nantes 0, Sochaux 1 (Thomas 57). Att: 12,795.
Auxerre 2 (Mazzolini 61, Kovacs 63), Toulon 0. Att: 7,000.
Toulouse 1 (Bouderbala 24og), Racing 0. Att: 10,288.
Mulhouse 2 (Keeler 9, Krncevic 58), Brest 0. Att: 5,114.
Nice 3 (Langers 1, 33, 60), Montpellier 0. Att: 8,166.
Paris St Germain 2 (Bravo 60, Vujovic 70), Monaco 1 (Jeannol 82og). Att: 18,000.
Metz 0, Caen 0. Att: 11,583.
Bordeaux 2 (Ferreri 17, Klaus Allofs 29), Cannes 0. Att: 20,000.

HOLLAND

Willem II 2 (Loggie 19, 48), Fortuna Sittard 0. Att: 7,300.
Ajax 0, RKC 0. Att: 15,800.
NEC 2 (Arts 58pen, Vroomans 83), Volendam 2 (Steur 5pen, Berghuis 42). Att: 3,500.
Den Bosch v Feyenoord. Match Postponed.
Groningen 3 (Koevarmans 72, 90, Eijkelkamp 77), Haarlem 3 (Looijer 25, Purperhart 28, Kranthove 44). Att: 8,000.
Twente 1 (Nielsen 84), Vitesse 1 (Van der Brom 63). Att: 5,500.
Sparta 2 (Houtman 25, Vurens 62), MVV 2 (Verbeek 48, Thal 90). Att: 3,000.
Den Haag 1 (Danen 74), PSV 5 (Vanenburg 41, 66, Kieft 43, 85, Van Aerle 71). Att: 14,500.
Roda 1 (Van Loen 47), Utrecht 0. Att: 6,000.

ITALY

Ascoli 1 (Aloisi 85), Verona 1 (Pellegrini 30). Att: 9,600.
Atlanta 2 (Madonna 27, Bortolazzi 56), Cremonese 0. Att: 17,000.
Bari 1 (Joao Paulo 7), Roma 2 (Brambati 53og, Desideri 81). Att: 30,000.
Cesena 0, Bologna 0. Att: 19,500.
Genoa 1 (Aguilera 73), Milan 1 (Rijkaard 78). Att: 26,800.
Inter 2 (Matthsus 36, Klinsmann 46), Juventus 1 (Marocchi 58). Att: 65,018.
Lazio 3 (Amarildo 3, 21, Gregucci 25), Lecce 0. Att: 19,000.
Napoli 3 (Pioli og 61, Careca 79, Corradini 87), Fiorentina 2 (Baggio 22, 32pen). Att: 52,000.
Udinese 3 (Sansini 26, Gallego 28, Balbo 30), Sampdoria 3 (Paganin og 39, Mancini 69, Katanec 86). Att: 25,000.

SPAIN

Castellon 1 (Jose 41), Mallorca 2 (Vulic 13, Stojadinovic 39). Att: 28,000.
Oviedo 2 (Sarriugarte 18, Gorriaran 39), Barcelona 0. Att: 40,000.
Osasuna 2 (Urban 3, Ibanez 56), Rayo Vallecano 1 (Sabas 83). Att: 20,000.
Valladolid 1 (Minguela 58pen), Real Sociedad 0. Att: 12,000.
Zaragoza 3 (Salillas 34, Pardeza 56, Higuera 74), Tenerife 3 (Rommel 29, Quique 49, Tono 68). Att: 25,000.
Ath.Bilbao 2 (Garitano 13pen, Uralde 88), Celta 0. Att: 35,000.
Sevilla 3 (Polster 21, 74, Mortagon 39), Logrones 1 (Rosagno 67). Att: 45,000.
Malaga 0, Atl.Madrid 0. Att: 32,000.
Cadiz 2 (Gonzalez 33, Cortijo 46), Gijon 0. Att: 16,000.
Real Madrid 6 (Butragueno 7, Michel 10, 71, Schuster 39, Hugo Sanchez 83, 85), Valencia 2 (Toni 23, Arroyo 44). Att: 85,000.

WEST GERMANY

Leverkusen 2 (Lesniak 6, Demandt 22), Eint.Frankfurt 0. Att: 12,750.
Borussia Mg 0, Homburg 0. Att: 8,000.
St Pauli 0, Hamburg 0. Att: 39,100.
Bayern Munich 5 (McInally 2, 68, Schwabal 18, Oswald 71og, Thon 73), Bochum 1 (Kohn 70pen). Att: 26,000.
Kaiserslautern 1 (Dooley 89), Stuttgart 2 (Walter 43, Hotic 82). Att: 18,917.
Nurnberg 2 (Schneider 31, Wirsching 75pen), Karlsruhe 0. Att: 25,250.
Bor.Dortmund 0, Ktln 0. Att: 47,800.
Werder Bremen 0, Waldhof 1 (Freiler 61). Att: 13,800.
Dusseldorf 2 (Fuchs 74, 78pen), Uerdington 1 (W.Funkel 90). Att: 12,000.

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BELGIUM

Antwerp 2 (Broeckaert 17, Quaranta 86), Standard 1 (Tikva 72). Att: 7,000.
Racing Mechelen 1 (Wuyts 57), Beerschot 3 (Vanheusden 21, Goots 48, Claessens 87). Att: 4,000.
Anderlecht 4 (Van der Linden 29, 65, Degryse 30, Grun 48), Cercle 0. Att: 19,000.
Lierse 2 (Fierens 44, Dalvin 76), Ekeren 1 (Leys 89). Att: 8,000.
Beveren 1 (Buyens 22), Gent 0. Att: 7,500.
Lokeren 2 (Pier Janssens 79, Bosmans 86), St.Truiden 0. Att: 3,500.
Club Brugge 1 (Farina 58), Charleroi 0. Att: 11,000.
Liege 0, Mechelen 0. Att: 13,000.
Waregem 0, Kortrijk 1 (Verspaille 28). Att: 12,000.

FRANCE

Montpellier 1 (Blanc 64pen), Metz 2 (Hinchberger 41, 48). Att: 7,000.
Monaco 2 (Diaz 22pen, 77), Bordeaux 0. Att: 5,282.
Toulon 0, Marseille 4 (Papin 6, Francescoli 10, 87, Waddle 38). Att: 15,000.
Cannes 3 (Bray 45, Ferri 60, Bellone 62), Paris 1 (Rabat 41). Att: 8,000.
Sochaux 1 (Thomas 64), Toulouse 0. Att: 5,500.
St-Etienne 4 (Witschge 16, 38, E.Mendy 44pen, Darras 49og), Auxerre 1 (OtokorQ 61). Att: 13,244.
Brest 0, Lyon 2 (Kabongo 53, 74). Att: 5,000.
Lille 1 (Vandenburgh 74), Nantes 0. Att: 6,712.
Racing 5 (Bouderbala 45, Ben Mabrouk 52, 62, Fernier 66, Lima 75), Nice 1 (Langers 82). Att: 10,000.
Caen 1 (Lebourgeois 74), Mulhouse 0. Att: 9,014.

HOLLAND

PSV 9 (Lerby 6, Romario 23, Kieft 30, 78, Vanenburg 38, Kalusha 47, 81, Povlsen 79, Boerebach 84), Sparta 1 (G.de Nooijer 59). Att: 23,500.
MVV 0, Twente 0. Att: 5,300.
Fortuna 1 (Farrington 31), Roda 1 (Verhagen 80). Att: 12,000.
Haarlem 2 (Looijer 84, 89), Den Bosch 0. Att: 1,500.
Feyenoord 4 (Metgod 10, Van Geel 61, 79, Kiprich 74), Willem II (Godee 86). Att: 10,629.
Utrecht 3 (Willaarts 15, 30, De Kruyff 29), NEC 0. Att: 8,500.
Volendam 2 (Berghuis 53, 57), Ajax 2 (Bergkamp 12, Winter 31). Att: 12,000.
RKC 3 (Moniz 50, Joore 77, Otto 85og), Den Haag 2 (Otto 8, 52). Att: 4,500.
Vitesse 0, Groningen 1 (Olde Riekerink 4). Att: 10,000.
Den Bosch 1 (Barendse 26), Feyenoord 1 (Kiprich 55). Att: 5,500.
NEC 3 (Janssen 12, 79, Lok 17), Den Haag 3 (Rijintes 27, Danen 50, 90). Att: 4,000.

ITALY

Ascoli 0 inter 1 (Klinsmann 3). Att: 20,000.
Bologna 1 (Villa 83), Genoa 0. Att: 27,000.
Cremonese 1 (Dezotti 45), Napoli 1 (Maradona 83). Att: 13,600.
Verona 1 (Iorio 37pen), Lazio 1 (Bertozzi 55og). Att: 15,000.
Juventus 1 (Schillaci 42), Bari 0. Att: 26,500.
Lecce 1 (Pasculli 9), Udinese 0. Att: 14,000.
Milan 1 (Tassotti 3), Fiorentina 1 (Dell'Oglio 65). Att: 63,000.
Roma 1 (Desideri 63), Cesena 0. Att: 24,500.
Sampdoria 1 (Katanec 40), Atalanta 0. Att: 20,600.

SPAIN

Mallorca 0, Real Madrid 0. Att: 33,800.
Barcelona 2 (Laudrup 46, Koeman 67 pen), Castellon 0. Att: 60,000.
Rayo Vallecano 1 (Juanito 14), Oviedo 1 (Carlos 72). Att: 10,000.
Real Sociedad 1 (Larranaga 25), Osasuna 0. Att: 19,500.
Tenerife 0, Valladolid 0. Att: 20,000.
Celta 2 (Nilsson 32, Rodolfo 79), Zaragoza 2 (Salillas 74, Pardeza 82). Att: 13,000.
Logrones 1 (Sarabia 31), Bilbao 0. Att: 14,000.
Atletico Madrid 1 (Baltazar 84), Sevilla 0. Att: 30,000.
Gijon 1 (Paquito 34), Malaga 0. Att: 19,000.
Valencia 3 (Boro 19, Eloy 29, Fernandez 76 pen), Cadiz 0. Att: 60,000.

WEST GERMANY

Karlsruhe 0, Borussia Mg 1 (Spies 33). Att: 19,000.
Homburg 1 (Jurgleit 32), Fortuna 0. Att: 6,122.
Uerdingen 3 (Witeczek 23, Bartram 37, 44), Kaiserslautern 2 (Kuntz 48, 51). Att: 8,000.
Eintracht Frankfurt 4 (Sippel 5, Weber 17, Falkenmayer 39, Andersen 70 pen), St Pauli 1 (Golke 64). Att: 18,000.
Hamburg 4 (Eck 37, Ballwanz 40, Von Heesen 67, Bode 85), Werder Bremen 0. Att: 14,000.
Koln 2 (Littbarski 80, Hassler 89), Nurnberg 1 (Kuhn 63). Att: 23,000.
Stuttgart 2 (Basualdo 43, Walter 62), Bayern Munich 1 (Wohlfarth 69). Att: 68,000.
Bochum 0, Leverkusen 2 (Demandt 56, 75). Att: 13,700.
Waldhof Mannheim 2 (Dais 44, Dickgiesser 49), Borussia Dortmund 1 (M Rummenigge 77). Att: 14,000.

WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 1

BELGIUM

Mechelen 2 (Bosman 49, Hofkens 77), Waregem 0. Att: 7,000.
Gent 3 (Verdegem 6, Balenga 17, Veyt 40), Liege 0. Att: 7,500.
St Truiden 0, Anderlecht 4 (Degryse 8, Grun 13, 50, Gudjohnsen 26). Att: 13,500.
Beerschot 2 (Arisvaldo 51, 63), Lokeren

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3 (Samnson 37, Pier Jansen 38m Meszaros 70). Att: 7,000.
Standard 2 (Rosenthal 27, Vandersmissen 42), Racing Mechelen 1 (Asselman 76). Att: 9,000.
Charleroi 2 (Brogno 47, Vavadio 80), Cercle 1 (Vavadio ??), Cercle 1 (Dejaeghere 73). Att: 10,000.
Ekeren 3 (Ipermans 55, Snelders 73, Abeels 80), Beveren 0. . Att: 5,000.
Brugge 2 (Farina 45, Christiaens 75). Att: 10,000.
Kortrijk 0, Antwerp 6 (Van Rooy 12, 57pen, 60, 68, Claesen 39, Geilenkirchen 90). Att: 9,000.

FRANCE
Marseille 1 (Diallo 74), Brest 0. Att: 26,668.
Paris SG 1 (Calderon 84 pen), Bordeaux 1 (Allofs 55). Att: 28,000.
Nice 2 (Langers 39, Djelmas 88), Sochaux 4 (Croci 16, Thomas 22, Hadzibegic og 55, Oudjani 87).
Toulouse 3 (Marcico 13, 55, Assadourian 84), Lille 1 (Pele 20). Att: 8,904.
Lyon 2 (Bouafia 32, Garde 67 pen), Caen 1 (Stein 77). Att: 14,927.
Nantes 2 (Youm 69 and 87), St-Etienne 0. Att: 16,000.
Auxerre 0, Monaco 0. Att: 10,000.
Metz 0, Toulon 0. Att: 9,247.
Mulhouse 1 (Neven 35), Cannes 0. Att: 6,000.

HOLLAND
Den Bosch 0, Groningen 0. Att: 1,500.
Willem II v Haarlem played October 7.
MVV 1 (Delahaye 10), Vitesse 5 (Van Arum 13, Latuheru 24, Hilgers 49, 58, Eijer 71). Att: 5,300.
Roda v Feyenoord postponed.
Ajax 3 (Verkuyl 8, De Boer 44 and 58), Utrecht 0. Att: 12,100.
NEC 1 (Radstaat 7), Fortuna Sittard 0. Att: 2,500.
Twente 0, PSV 0 0. Att: 10,500.
Sparta 2 (Libregts 13pen, Helder 73), RKC 1 (Jalink 42). Att: 4,000.
Den Haag 2 (Gentile 48, De Ruiter 64)

ITALY
Atalanta 1 (Stromberg 65), Cesena 0. Att: 15,500.
Bari 2 (Joao Paulo 36, 69), Ascoli 2 (Casagrande 57, Giovanelli 67). Att: 18,600.
Bologna 1 (Giordano 47), Cremonese 1 (Limpar 10). Att: 22,700.
Fiorentina 1 (Buso 42), Udinese 2 (Balbo 6, 42). Att: 9,800.
Genoa 1 (Fontolan 29), Sampdoria 2 (Vialli 45, Mancini 60). Att: 34,500.
Verona 0, Lecce 0. Att: 15,000.
Inter 3 , Roma.0. Att:
Lazio 1 (Di Canio 38), Juventus 1 (De Agostini 50). Att: 23,700.
Napoli 3 (Carnevale 18), 44, Maradona 62,400.

SPAIN
Mallorca 1 (Vulic 75pen), Barcelona 0. Att: 33,000.
Castellon 1 (Aiukar 41), Rayo Vallecano 0. Att: 12,000.
Oviedo 5 (Bango 1, 73, Carlos 40,57, Vinals 51), Real Sociedad. Att: 19,230.
Osasuna 3 (Ibanez 4, Urban 50, Martin Dominguez 85), Tenerife. Att: 20,000.
Valladolid 0, Celta 1 (Nilsson 40). Att: 11,000,
Zaragoza 1 (Pardeza 80), Logrones 0 (35,000).
Bilbao 1 (Alkorta 75), Atletico Madrid 1 (Baltazar 65). Att: 30,000.
Sevilla 1 (Conte 43), Gijon 0. Att: 46,000.
Malaga 1 (Lauridsen 84), Valencia 1 (Fernando 13).
Real Madrid 4 (Schuster 8, Hugo Sanchez 39, 89, Aldana 64), Cadiz 1 (Jose 26).

WEST GERMANY
St Pauli 2 (Golke 14, Knabel 88), Bochum 0. Att: 18,500.
Nurnberg 2 (Metschies 6, Drews 58), Waldhof Mannheim 0. Att: 17,500.
Leverkusen 1 (Seckler 19), Stuttgart 1 (Gaudino 47). Att: 13,500.
Bayern Munich 3 (Thon 8pen, 82, Wohlfarth 51), Uerdingen 0..
Homburg 2 (Dittmer 75, Jurguleit 82), Karlsruhe 0. Att: 6,800.
Borussia Mg 0, Koln 2 (Gotz 63, Littbarski 79)
Borussia Dortmund 1 (Helmer 44), Hamburg 0. Att: 30,800.
Werder Bremen 1 (Hermann 82), Eintracht Frankfurt 2 (Bein 24, Studer 64). Att: 16,015.
Fortuna 1 (Chaloupka 17), Kaiserslautern 1 (Allievi 11).

WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 8

BELGIUM
Racing Mechelen 0, Kortrijk 0.
Lokeren 0, Standard 0.
Anderlecht 2, Beerschot 0.
Cercle 2, St Truiden 1.
Lierse 2, Charleroi 1.
Beveren 0, Brugge 1.
Liege 2, Germinal Ekeren 0.
Waregem 0, Gent 3.
Antwerp 1, Mechelen 1.

FRANCE
No matches.

HOLLAND
Only two matches:
Willem II 3 (Loggie 9, Van der Borgt 12, 60), Haarlem 2 (Looijer 66, Barron 90). Att: 5,000.
Fortuna Sittard 1 (Sneekes 20), Utrecht 0. Att: 5,000.

ITALY
Ascoli 1 (Cvetkovic 47), Bologna 1 (Bonetti 73). Att: 15,000.
Cesena 0, Lazio 0. Att: 13,000.
Cremonese 1 (Dezotti 10), Milan 0. Att: 20,000.
Inter 1 (Berti 48), Bari 1 (Carbone 40). Att: 40,000.
Juventus 0, Atalanta 1 (Caniggia 73). Att: 20,000.
Lecce 1 (Virdis 15), Fiorentina 0. Att: 22,000.
Roma 1 (Comi 10), Napoli 1 (Maradona 55pen). Att: 24,300.
Sampdoria 1 (Vialli 16), Verona 0. Att: 20,000.
Udinese 2 (Branca 65, Mattei 86), Genoa 4 (Fontolan 28, 29, Aguilera 83, 87). Att: 18,000.

SPAIN
Barcelona 3 (Salinas 10, Koeman 75pen, 89pen), Real Madrid 1 (Hugo Sanchez 8 pen). Att: 80,000.
Atletico Madrid 2 (Manolo 21, Futre 86), Zaragoza 1 (Higuera 89). Att: 50,000.
Valencia 1 (Toni 46), Sevilla 1 (Conte 72). Att: 32,000.
Tenerife 2 (Rommel 26, Quique II 89), Oviedo 1 (Bengo 60 pen). Att: 20,000.
Gijon 0, Bilbao 1 (Lakabeg 32). Att: 20,144.
Rayo Vallecano 0, Mallorca 0. Att: 11,000.
Logrones 1 (Quique Setien 31 pen), Valladolid 0. Att: 11,000.
Celta 1 (Mario 39), Osasuna 1 (Sola 86 pen). Att: 14,000.
Cadiz 0, Malaga 2 (Gonzalez 37, 67). Att: 19,000.
Real Sociedad 2 (Gorriz 13, Larranaga 44), Castellon 0. Att: 12,000.

WEST GERMANY
Waldhof Mannheim 4 (Freiler 25, Dais 34pen, Guttler 57, Meier 73), Borussia Mg 2 (Effenberg 49, Bruns 89pen). Att: 12,000.
Hamburg 1 (Beiersdorfer 90), Nurnberg 0. Att: 10,900.
Koln 1 (Rahn 51), Homburg 0. Att: 14,000.
Karlsruhe 2 (Sternkopf 11, Kreuzer 62), Fortuna Dusseldorf 2 (Chaloupka 50, Fuchs 57). Att: 9,000.
Kaiserslautern 0, Bayern Munich 0. Att: 35,335.
Bayer Uerdingen 0, Bayer Leverkusen 2 (Buncol 60, Lesniak 80). Att: 8,000.
Stuttgart 4 (Walter 27, 89, Hotic 34, Gaudino 65), St Pauli 0. Att: 19,000.
Bochum 0, Werder Bremen 0. Att: 10,500.
Eintracht Frankfurt 0, Borussia Dortmund 2 (Zorc 3, 90pen). Att: 30,000.

WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 15

BELGIUM
Mechelen 5 (Wilmots 2, 80, Clijsters 5, Emmers 43, Bosman 53), Racing Mechelen 1 (Krohm 31). Att: 10,000.
Gent 1 (Veyt 67pen), Antwerp 1 (Quaranta 83). Att: 10,000.
Lierse 4 (Bouwmeester, Coolen, Viscaal, Segers), Beveren 0. Att: 6,000.
Beerschot 0, Cercle 0. Att: 4,000.
Standard 0, Anderlecht 2 (Degryse 65, Oliveira 89). Att: 16,000.
Charleroi 0, St Truiden 1 (Cnops). Att: 8,000.
Club Brugge 2 (Farina 15, Ceulemans 77), FC Liege 0. Att: 7,000.
Ekeren 3 (Ipermans 12, Bartholomeeussen 43, Vos 59), Waregem 1 (Niederbacher 25). Att: 5,000.
Kortrijk 0, Lokeren 1 (Taibi 23). Att: 7,000.

FRANCE
Lyon 0, Monaco 2 (Diaz 74, Weah 85). Att: 18,811.
Marseille 1 (Francescoli 44), Cannes 1 (Sassus 63). Att: 24,970.
Nantes 1 (Youm 33), Brest 0. Att: 10,955.
Auxerre 1 (Kovacs 89), Bordeaux 1 (Allofs 63). Att: 12,500.
Toulouse 2 (Delpech 5, Assadourian 30), Caen 1 (Stein 47). Att: 10,505.
Mulhouse 1 (Peuget 3), Paris SG 0. Att: 8,691.
Nice 1 (Langers 7), Saint-Etienne 3 (Witsche 14, Tibeuf 79, Mendy 89). Att: 7,640.
Metz 2 (Brnovic 40, Micciche 78), Sochaux 0. Att: 11,501.
Montpellier 3 (Pister og 42, Xuereb 44, Blanc 86), Toulon 0. Att: 8,000.
Racing Paris 2 (Lima 4, Boudebala 85), Lille 0. Att: 4,963.

HOLLAND
PSV 8 (Kieft 8, Ellerman 29, Linders og 30, og 43, Romario 44, 54, 73, Quaden og 79), MVV Maastricht 1 (Uitman 67). Att: 25,100.
Haarlem 0, Roda 0. Att: 2,500.
Groningen 1 (Kooiman 37), Willem II 1 (Loggie 81). Att: 5,000.
Utrecht 2 (Willarts 44, Moore 66), Den Haag 1 (Hoekman 64). Att: 8,200.
Feyenoord 2 (Van Geel 20, Keur 71), NEC 1 (Gemert 47). Att: 10,220.
Volendam 2 (Burleson 53, 66), Sparta 0. Att: 4,100.
RKC 0, Twente 0. Att: 7,500.
Vitesse 0, Den Bosch 0. Att: 5,000.
Fortuna Sittard 0, Ajax 0. Att: 10,000.

ITALY
No matches.

SPAIN
Barcelona 7 (Salinas 8, 28, Baquero 9, Koeman 17pen, Roberto 18, Beguiristain 63, Milla 86pen), Rayo Vallecano 1 (Zapatera 81). Att: 70,000.
Real Madrid 4 (Ruggeri 17, Losada 34, 42, Aldana 79), Malaga 0. Att: 60,000.
Bilbao 1 (Iturrino 33), Valencia 1 (Nando 24). Att: 35,000.
Zaragoza 2 (Sirakov 52, Juanito 62), Gijon 1 (Villa 85). Att: 33,000.
Sevilla 1 (Rafa Paz 73), Cadiz 1 (Raul 39). Att: 15,000.
Valladolid 2 (Abadia 5, Moya 53), Atletico Madrid 0. Att: 27,000.
Osasuna 3 (Camilo 58, 82, Ciganda 78), Logrones 0. Att: 22,000.
Castellon 0, Tenerife 0. Att: 18,000.
Oviedo 1 (Sarriugarte 18), Celta 0. Att: 19,000.
Mallorca 0, Real Sociedad 0. Att: 26,000.

WEST GERMANY
Borussia Mg 1 (Criens 35), Hamburg 3 (Jusufi 33, Beiersdorfer 57, Eck 84). Att: 20,000.
Borussia Dortmund 0, Bochum 1 (Reekers 61). Att: 40,000.
Werder Bremen 6 (Meier 25, Rufer 33, 89, Neubarth 68, 83, Kuztop 87pen), Stuttgart 1 (Basualdo 36). Att: 18,000.
St Pauli 1 (Dahms 33), Bayer Uerdingen 1 (Brian Laudrup 11). Att: 16,000.
Bayer Leverkusen 1 (Buncol 11), Kaiserslautern 1 (Roos 7). Att: 10,500.
Karlsruhe 0, Koln 0. Att: 22,000.
Homburg 2 (Dittmer 17, Finke 56), Waldhof Mannheim 1 (Freiler 36). Att: 9,000.
Nurnberg 1 (Wirsching 14), Eintracht Frankfurt 1 (Andersen 75). Att: 32,000.
Fortuna Dusseldorf 1 (Augenthaler og 60), Bayern Munich 2 (Schwabl 5, Wohlfarth 32). Att: 55,000.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Montevideo — WC SA gp 1
Uruguay 2 (Sosa 43, 57)
Peru 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 60,000. **Ref:** Wright (Brz)

Uruguay: Pereira — Herrera, Gutierrez, De Leon, Dominguez — Ostolaza, Coprrea, Bengoechea, Alzamendi, Paz, Sosa.

Peru: Purizaga — Guido, Sanjinez, Requena, Arteaga, Yanez (Manassero 62), Del Solar, *Reinoso, Carranza, Gonzalez, Hirano (Bazalar 54).
*Reinoso sent off, 32 min.

Uruguay needed victory by any margin to win this group on goal difference ahead of Bolivia and qualify for the finals. They went in for all-out attack with three forwards. Peru stopped them, though sometimes with rugged tactics, and were reduced to ten men after 32 minutes when Reinoso was sent off for hitting Bengoechea. Uruguay went ahead just before half-time and Peru made tactical changes at the break in the search for an equaliser. After 12 minutes of the second half Sosa scored again and that was the end of Peru. Uruguay played out time cautiously but effectively.

Asuncion — WC SA gp 2
Ecuador 3 (Aguinaga 26, Marsetti 71, Aviles 82)
Paraguay 1 (Neffa 18)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 16,000. **Ref:** Arnaldo Coelho (Brz)

Ecuador: Mendoza — Bravo, Quinonez, Macias, Capurro, Fajardo, Marsetti (Verduga), Aguinaga, *Munoz, Aviles, Guerrero (Tenorio). *Munoz sent off,85min.

Paraguay: Fernandez — Caceres (Guasch 75), Delgado, Zabala, Torales, *Nunez, Canete (Hicks 67), Neffa, Ferreira, Cabanas, Mendoza.
*Nunez sent off, 85min.

Paraguay needed victory to qualify for the second successive finals and should have had few problems against an Ecuador who had yet to win a game. The Paraguayans were slow and ponderous, however. Teenage sensation Gustavo Neffa scored in the 18th minute but instead of taking advantage and trying to reach the security of a two-goal lead, Paraguay immediately went back into their shell. Ecuador, encouraged, equalised through Alex Aguinaga. In the second half Paraguay began to panic, lost their shape and, in the search for a second goal of their own, left gaps at the back which Ecuador exploited mercilessly. With Ecuador 3-1 ahead tempers flared and Nunez and Munoz were sent off. Nunez made gestures to the crowd on his way from the pitch, was arrested by police and detained in police cells overnight. Meanwhile this result meant that Colombia qualified for the play-off against Israel.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

Dortmund — WC Euro gp 4
West Germany 6 (Mtller 12, 80, Littbarski 46, Klinsmann 52, Vtller 62, Matthsus 85)
Finland 1 (Lipponen 75)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Snoddy (NI)

W Germany: Illgner — Reiter, Brehme, Buchwald, Augenthaler, Hsssler (Bein 46), Littbarski, Mtller (Mill 81), Vtller, Matthsus, Klinsmann.

Finland: Laukkanen — Lahtinen, Heikkinen, Europaeus, Holmgren, Tarkkio, Ukkonen, Ikalainen (Hjelm 71), Myyry, Patelainen (Lius 62), Lipponen.

Franz Beckenbauer's West Germans did themselves a power of good with some superb second-half goals. Goal difference will probably prove vital in either deciding who tops this group (Holland have an awkward appearance next week in Wales) or wins a finals spot in the lucky losers' shake-out between runners-up in the three four-team groups. The Germans struggled early on. After only four minutes Bodo

Illgner made a sharp save to deny Patelainen. Eight minutes later, at the other, Dortmund's Andy Mtller — playing in his home Westfalian stadion — headed West Germany ahead from a Pierre Littbarski cross. The score was still 1-0 at half-time. But jeers from the fans and sharp words from Beckenbauer during the interval had their effect. One minute after the restart Littbarski scored; seven minutes after the restart and Jurgen Klinsmann headed home. Rudi Vtller chipped keeper Laukkanen for No 4 and Mtller and Lothar Matthsus (from a penalty) wrapped up the scoring in the ten minutes. Inbetween all this, Finland grabbed a lone consolation goal through Mike Lipponen. Beckenbauer said later: "We are very happy with this game. We knew we had to put a lot of pressure on the Finns. In the first half we were not quick enough but I knew that eventually the goals would come."

Valletta — intl friendly
Malta 1 (Joe Zarb 15)
Austria 2 (Gerhard Glatzmayer 24, Gerhard Rodax 66)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 4,000. **Ref:** Longhi (It).
Malta: Cini — S Vella, Azzopardi, Galea, Delia (Zerafa 46), Scerri, Busuttil, R Vella, Sud (Carabott 66), Degiorgio, Zarb.
Austria: Lindenberger (Konsel 46) — Artner (Russ 46), Streiter, Pfeffer (Pecl 46), Weber, Zsak (Aigner 66), Ogris (Westerthaler 46), Linzmaier, Rodax, Glatzmayer, Hortnagl.

Malta shocked Austria and surprised even themselves by seizing the lead when Zarb headed home a Suda cross. But Rodax laid on an equaliser for Glatzmayer nine minutes later and Rodax himself scored the winner with what was his first goal in 11 international appearances.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

Prague — WC Euro gp 7
Czechoslovakia 2 (Michal Bilek 11pen, 82)
Portugal (Rui Aguas 74)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 28,000. **Ref:** Schmidhuber (WG)
Czechoslovakia: Stejskal — Straka, Kadlec, Hasek, Kocian, Cabala (Nemecek 70), Bilek, Chovanec, *Griga, Skuhravy, Moravcik (Kinier 89).
*Griga sent off, 18min.
Portugal: Silvino — Frederico — Joao Pinto, Venancio, Veloso — Nunes (Lima 71), Sobrinho (Vitor Paneira 27), Rui Barros, Rui Aguas, *Futre, Andre.
*Futre shown red card after the final whistle.

Czechoslovakia, reduced to ten men for most of the match, owed victory to two goals from Michal Bilek as they edged closer to a place in the finals. Portugal could have gone ahead after only nine minutes but Barros, clear in front of goal, wasted his chance from a Paulo Futre cross. Czechoslovakia then went ahead with a Bilek penalty after Frederico brought down Josef Chovanec. Three minutes later Griga was booked for a foul and then shown the red card for fouling Silvino in the 18th minute. Yet it took Portugal almost an hour to equalise. Stejskal pushed a free kick from substitute Paneira against the bar and Rui Aguas dived forward to head home. Portugal then sat back and paid the penalty in the 82nd minute when Bilek curled a free kick over the defensive wall and to the left of the wrong-footed Silvino.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

Stockholm — WC Euro gp 2
Sweden 3 (Mats Magnusson 20, Klas Ingesson 55, Leif Engqvist 89)
Albania 1 (Sokol Kushta 8 pen)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 32,423. **Ref:** Dante Silva (Port)
Sweden: T Ravelli — R Nilsson, Hysen, P Larsson, Ljung — Gren (Engqvist 66), Ingesson, Thern, Limpar — Ekstrom (Lindqvist 82), Magnusson.
Albania: Mersini — Hodja, Zmijani, Lekbello (Noga 75), Taho — Jera, Josa, Gega (Arberi 87), Demollari, Millo — Kushta.

Sweden pulled back from the shock of an early Albanian goal scored by Sokol Kushta from the penalty spot. Kushta, making his full debut as replacement for injured Ylli Shehu, had been pulled down by Mats Gren and keeper Ravelli. Gren made amends soon after when he provided the cross from which Benfica's Mats Magnusson equalised. Earlier Jonas Thern had hit the bar. But it was not until ten minutes into the second half that Roland Nilsson and Johnny Ekstrom set up the opportunity for Klas Ingesson to shoot Sweden ahead. Substitute Leif Engqvist left it to the last minute before he sealed off any chance of an Albanian revival. Sweden manager Olle Nordin said: "I never thought we would lose, even when they took the lead. But it is wonderful to win." Albania, who had three players booked, have now lost 28 of their 29 qualifying matches away from home in World Cup and European championship since 1983.

Karl-Marx-Stadt — WC Euro gp 3
East Germany 2 (Andreas Thom 80, Matthias Sammer 82)
Soviet Union 1 (Gennadi Litovchenko 74)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 15,900.
E Germany: Heyne — Kreer, Stahmann, Lindner, Doschner, Steinmann (Weidemann 88), Stubner, Ernst (Doll 74), Sammer, Kirsten, Thom.
Sov Union: Chanov — Besonov, Khidiatulin, Kuznetsov, Litovchenko. Zavarov, Mikhailichenko, Dobrovolsky, Gorlukovich, Protasov, Aleinikov.

East Germany hit back remarkably in the last ten minutes not only to pull back a Soviet goal but go on to win and keep the World Cup door ajar. Litovchenko appeared to have secured the Soviets their place in Italy — and knocked the final nail into East German hopes — when Litovchenko volleyed home a Protasov cross in the 74th minute. East Germany surged forward, however, and Andreas Thom headed them level after a fumble by Soviet keeper Viktor Chanov. Two minutes later a corner from the right confused the Soviet defence and Andreas Thom headed the hosts' winner.

Yaounde — WC African final rnd 1st leg
Cameroon 2 (Louos-Paul Mfede 54, Emmanuel Kunde 89)
Tunisia 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 85,000. **Ref:** Nacibi (Mor)
Cameroon: Bell — Tataw, Onana (Ekeke 46), Emmanuel Kunde, Ebwelle — Libih, Kana Biyick, Mfede (Mbida 74) — Ebongue, Omam Biyik, Djonkep.
Tunisia: Bourchada — Mhadhebi, Mahjoubi, Ben Yahia, Ben Neji — Hechiri, Maaloul, Tarak Dhiab (Tounsi 86), Selimi — Hergal (Limane 68), Abdeli.

Cameroon took up the driving seat thanks to two second-half goals. Louis-Paul Mfede's free kick after 54 minutes brought the 85,000 crowd to life for the first time. As the match went on so Cameroon grew more cautious and settled back to make sure they maintained even this narrow lead. In the last minute, however, Algerian goalkeeper Ahmed Bourchada made a hash of save from Ekeke's header and Kunde seized the opportunity to score possibly a decisive goal.

Algiers — WC African final rnd 1st
Algeria 0
Egypt 0
Att: 50,000. **Ref:** Picon (Mauritius)
Algeria: Larbi — Rahmouni, Megharia, Adrid, Adjas — Ferhaoui, Belloumi, Madjer — Hadj Adlane (Benabou 86), Oudjani, Medane (Saib 46).
Egypt: Shoubeir — Ibrahim Hassan, Yaken, Ramzi, Yasin — Kassem, Ebdelghani, Abdelhamid, Kas (Abou Zeid 86) — Abdrassoul, H Hassan.

Algeria's hopes of appearing at the finals for the third consecutive time dipped with this draw. Despite the presence of experienced Belloumi and Madjer the Algerians were nervy and off-target with their passing. El Kas, Hassan twice and Abdelhamid might all have scored for Egypt. At the other end Oudjani hit the bar in the 74th minute but that was the closest Algeria came. The next day the coaching staff were replaced by a four-man emergency committee.

Guatemala City — WC CONCACAF final rnd
Guatemala 0
United States 0
Att: 9,000. **Ref:** Jacome (Ec)
Guatemala: Piccinini — Rodriguez, Monzon, Gonzalez, Hernandez, Gardiner, Sanchez, Castaneda, Almengor, Paniagua (Mora 66), Alburez (McDonald 83).
United States: Meola — Trittschuh, Windischmann, Banks, Doyle, Stollmeyer, Gabarra (Klopas 61), Harkes, Bliss, Vermes, Murray (Eck 74).

The real winners of this match were Costa Rica. The Americans' failure to win meant they could no longer catch Costa Rica at the top of the group and so the Costa Ricans, on learning of the result, broke open the champagne at their training camp in Italy. The Americans were handicapped by injuries, particularly the loss of star midfielder Hugo Perez, who had been hurt playing in the French second division for Red Star Paris. Then Tab Ramos and Eric Eichmann were both suspended. Guatemala dominated the first half and much of the second on a rain-sodden pitch. Tony Meola, in the US goal, was equal to their scoring attempts and, at the other end, 39-year-old Guatemala keeper Ricardo Piccinini saved well from Windischmann and Murray. Frank Klopas might have grabbed a last-minute winner but shot hastily and looped the ball high over the bar.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

Copenhagen — WC Euro gp 1
Denmark 3 (K Nielsen 4, B Laudrup 26, Povlsen 85)
Rumania 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 45,000. **Ref:** Bouillet (Fr)
Denmark: Schmeichel — Sivebaek, K Nielsen, L Olsen, I Nielsen — Bartram, Jensen, Heintze — Povlsen, M Laudrup, B Laudrup.
Rumania: Lung — Iovan, Klein, *Rednic, Mateut, Andone, Rotariu, Sabau (Lupu 68), Camataru, Hagi, Popescu.
*Rednic sent off.

Rumania may have lost by three clear goals but they remained far from down and out in the World Cup stakes. They left Copenhagen knowing that they could still qualify for the finals by defeating Denmark back in Bucharest. Brian Laudrup was the pick of the Danish attack, provoking a string of fouls from Rednic which ultimately resulted in the Rumanian's expulsion. Denmark went ahead after four minutes with a header by Aston Villa's Kent Nielsen to a cross from Jan Bartram. Brian Laudrup scored a superb solo second but it was not until five minutes from time that PSV Eindhoven's Fleming Povlsen scored the third goal on a low cross from Jan Heintze.

Varna — WC Euro gp 1
Bulgaria 4 (Ivanov 72, Bankov 76, Iskrenov 79, Stoichkov 88)
Greece 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Blattmann (Swz)
Bulgaria: Valov — Dimitrov, Ivanov, Tinchev, Bankov, Yordanov (Lechkov 84), Kostadinov (Penev 65), Stoichkov, Balakov, *Georgiev, Iskrenov.
*Georgiev sent off.
Greece: Pletsis — Kutulas, Hatzithanasiu, *Vakalopulos, Mavriidis, Papaioannu, *Saravakos, Stamatis (Noblias 65), Dimitriadis, *Sandakis, Kofidis.
*Vakalopulos, Saravakos and Sandakis all sent off.

Bulgarian manager Ivan Vutsov remarked before the game that both teams, out of the qualifying picture, were "playing for pride." That pride boiled over when four players were sent off in the second half — three of them Greeks. Bulgaria then made simple work of running up the goals but it will be interesting to see what happens in the return on November 15.

Chorzow — WC Euro gp 2
Poland 0
England 0
Att: 30,000. **Ref:** Soriano Aladren (Sp)
Poland: Bako — Czachowski, Kaczmarek, Wdowczyk, R Warzycha, Nawrocki, Tarasiewicz, Ziober, Kosecki, Dziekanowski, K Warzycha (Furtok 57).
England: Shilton — Stevens, Walker, Butcher, Pearce — Rocastle, McMahon, Robson, Waddle — Lineker, Beardsley.

England's World Cup-winning odds were cut from 11-1 to 10-0 after they secured qualification for the finals courtesy of a superb goalkeeping display by Peter Shilton. Poland provided a more-than-half-empty Slaski stadium with by far their best, most aggressive display of the qualifiers — too late. In the last minute, a 30-yard drive from Tarasiewicz cracked against the England bar but Shilton had earned his one slice of luck and the ball rebounded back down the field to safety. England thus maintained their unique record of qualifying without having conceded a single goal along the way.

Wrexham — WC Euro gp 4
Wales 1 (Bowen 89)
Holland 2 (Rutjes 13, Bosman 79)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 9,025. **Ref:** Kohl (Aus)
Wales: Southall — Blackmore, Bowen, Nicholas, Hopkins, Maguire, Saunders, Phillips, Roberts (Jones 64), Williams (Pascoe 85), Allen.
Holland: Van Breukelen — Van Aerle, Rutjes, R Koeman, Koot, Wouters, Van't Schip, Hofkens, Kieft, Rijkaard (Bosman 46), Rob Witschge (Van Basten 71).

Wales were easily outplayed even though Holland began without their injury-hit star forward trio of Vanenburg, Gullit and Van Basten. Wales had problems of their own with injuries and, in particular, the

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suspensions which ruled out attack stars Mark Hughes and Ian Rush. Allen and Roberts battled hard to make amends but the key absence proved to be that of the injuried Ratcliffe at the back. After only 13 minutes Holland went ahead. Bowen fouled Van't Schip and Graeme Rutjes headed home Ronald Koeman's free kick. Van't Schip was foiled of a further goal only two minutes later when Maguire cleared off the line after the Dutchman had chipped over new Wales captain Neville Southall. At the other end Van Breukelen was tested only by shots from outside the penalty area by Allen, Maguire and Phillips. Koeman hit the post before the John Bosman increaed the Dutch lead with a 'free' header to a long centre from Van Aerle. Bowen pulled back a Wales consolation in the last minute.

Sarajevo — WC Euro gp 5
Yugoslavia 1 (Hadzibegic 44 pen)
Norway 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Namoglu (Tur)

Yugoslavia: Ivkovic — Spasic, Baljic, Brnovic, Hadzibegic, Jozic, Stojkovic, *Bazdarevic, Susic, Jakovljevic (Stanojkovic 84), Zlatko Vujovic.
*Bazdarevic sent off, 15min.

Norway: Thorstvedt — *Halle, Kojedal, Bratseth, Bjornsby, Lokken, Brandhaug, Ahlsen, Jakobsen, Andersen (Sorloth 70), Fjortoft.
*Halle sent off, 53min.

Yugoslavia made hard work of winning a match which mattered little, since they had already qualified for the finals. They lost Mehmet Bazdarevic for spitting in the referee's face after only 15 minutes. But just before the interval they also scored the game's only goal when Bazdarevic's Sochaux team-mate, Farukh Hadzibegic, converted a penalty. Norway hopes of recovering for a draw failed when Halle — a transfer target for Rapid Vienna — was sent off in the 53rd minute for a foul tackle.

Paris — WC Euro gp 5
France 3 (Deschamps 25, Cantona 61, Nicol og 89)
Scotland 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Rothlisberger (Swz)

France: Bats — Silvestre, Le Roux (Casoni 46), Sauzee, Di Meco — Durand, Pardo, Deschamps, Ferreri — Cantona, Perez (Bravo 81).
*Di Meco sent off, 58min.

Scotland: Leighton — Nicol, Gough, McLeish, Malpas — Aitken, Strachan (McInally 64), McStay, Macleod (Bett 75) — McCoist, Johnston.

Scotland pressed the self-destruct button again, going into the match with a fatal overconfidence and contributing yet another own goal to defeat — this time an unfortunate Steve Nicol deflection to a Durand shot after a Ferreri corner in the last minute. France, without the injured Amoros and Papin, played an unusually aggressive match and were dealt with leniently in the first half by the Swiss referee. Ironically it was after fullback Di Meco was sent off for two nasty fouls that the hosts played more cautiously only to increase their lead with goals on the break. Scotland, unlucky to go in one-down at half-time, were left needing a point at home to Norway in their last game to be sure of a place in the finals.

Dublin — WC Euro gp 6
Rep Ireland 3 (Whelan 42, Cascarino 48, Houghton 57)
N Ireland 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 48,500. **Ref:** D'Elia (It)

Rep Ireland: Bonner — Morris, Staunton (O'Leary 77), McCarthy, Moran, Whelan, Townsend, Houghton, Aldridge, Cascarino, Sheedy.

N Ireland: Dunlop — Fleming, Worthington, Donaghy, McDonald, McCreery (C O'Neill 72), D Wilson, M O'Neill (K Wilson 80), Clarke, Whiteside, Dennison.

Even though one point against Malta was all that remained to be gained, Republic manager Jackie Charlton kept the champagne waiting after this victory. He thought the pressure of the occasion plus the awkward Northern tactics prevented his own men playing to their potential. Bonner was troubled twice in the middle of the first half before the Republic went ahead when Ronnie Whelan shot home Dunlop's punched clearance to a shot from Staunton. After 12 minutes of the second half it was all over. First Tony Cascarino headed home a Whelan cross then Sheedy laid on No 3 for Houghton.

Budapest — WC Euro gp 6
Hungary Pinter 38, 82)
Spain 2 (Julio Salinas 30, Michel 35)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Courtney (Eng)

Hungary: P Disztl — Sallai, Keller (Lovasz 71), Pinter, Z Bognar, Roth (Kosma 46), G Bognar, Detari, Vincze, Kovacs, Kiprich.

Spain: Zunbizarreta — Chendo, Sanchis, Andrinua, Jimenez — Roberto, Michel, Martin Vazquez, Villaroya — Manolo (Hierro 84), Julio Salinas (Pardeza 67).

Spain assured their own place at the 1990 World Cup finals and allowed the Hungarians to keep hoping for a miracle. The Spaniards hurried into a two-goal lead than saw Hungary fight level for a draw which will torture them on November 15 with trying to win in Spain and hope the Irish Republic crash in Malta! Spain went ahead deservedly on the half hour with a goal from Julio Salinas created by Martin Vazquez and Manolo. Michel shot home a rebound five minutes later after Disztl could only parry a drive from Manolo. Hungary, showing unusual spirit, hit back in the 38th minute with a goal from Pinter. He also grabbed the late equaliser as the Spanish defence lost concentration.

Basel — WC Euro gp 7
Switzerland 2 (Knup 50, Turkyilmaz 60)
Belgium 2 (Degryse 58, Geiger og 73)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Hartmann (Hun)

Switzerland: Brunner — Geiger, Piffaretti, Herr, Baumann, Koller, Hermann, Bickel, Douglas (Knup 46), Turkyilmaz, Chapuisat (Hottiger 80).

Belgium: Preud'homme — Demol, Gerets, Clijsters, Franky Van der Elst, Versavel, Emmers (Scifo 46), Vervoort, Degryse, Ceulemans, Van der Linden.

Belgium should have wrapped up qualification easily for new manager Walter Meeuws. Instead they struggled to hold onto a point against a Swiss team being rebuild already by their new team chief, Uli Stielike. Knup, a 22-year-old substitute called up only on the morning of the game, shot Switzerland ahead early in the second half. Belgium's substitute, Enzo Scifo, responded by creating an equaliser for Degryse. Turkyilmaz shot Switzerland back in front before a left-wing cross by Versavel was cruelly deflected for a second equaliser by Swiss sweeper Alain Geiger.

Saarbrucken — WC Euro gp 7
Luxembourg 0
Portugal 3 (Rui Aguas 43, 53, Rui Barros 72)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Purcell (RI)

Luxembourg: Van Rijswijck — Bossi, Weiss, Birsens, Girres, Groff (Jeitz 70), Saibene, Langers, Malget, Hallers, Reiter (Scholten 58).

Portugal: Silvino — Joao Pinto, Venancio, Frederico, Fonseca (Pedro Xavier 33) — Vitor Paneira, Nunes (Jaime Magalhaes 63), Veloso — Rui Barros, Rui Aguas, Lima.

Despite the absence of the suspended Futre, Portugal had few problems in front of a home crowd predominantly made up of Portuguese emigrants — the match being played in the Saar because Luxembourg's national stadium is being redevloped. For most of the first half Portugal were held at bay by some fine saves from Van Rijswijck. Portugal manager Juca stepped up the pressure by substituting defender Fonseca with forward Pedro Xavier and Rui Aguas duly achieved the breakthrough after a Rui Barros shot struck a post. Aguas increased that lead on a Joao Pinto cross. He was denied a hat-trick when Van Rijswijck blocked his 72nd-minute effort but this time Barros was in place to convert the rebound in acrobatic fashion.

Larnaca — intl friendly
Cyprus 0
Malta 0
Att: 2,500.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

Singapore — WC Asian final round
United Arab Emirates 0
North Korea 0
Att: 12,000.

UAE: Khalil Ghanem Mubarak — Mubarak Ghanim Mubarak, Abdul Rahman, Abdulla, Adnana Khamis Talyani, Zuhair, Bakhit Saeed — Hussain Ghulam Ali, Ibrahim Meer, Razaq Ibrahim — Mushin Musbah, Fahad Rahman Abdulla, Obeid Helal.

N Korea: Kim Chi-won — Kim Gwang-min, Chong Yong-man, Pang Gwong-cgoi, Chon Man-ho — Yun Song-su, Kim Fung-il, Tak Yong-bin, Han Hyong-il (Li Yong-jin) — Chu Gyong-sik, Li Hyok-chon.

Singapore — WC Asian final round
China 2 (Mai Chao 63 pen, 72)
Saudi Arabia 1 (Fahad Albishi 24 pen)
Att: 12,000.

China: Fu Yubing — Zhu Bo, Gao Sheng, Guo Yijun, Jia Qiuqan — Wu qunly, Xie Yuxin, Tang Yao-dong, Liu Haigwang — Duan Ju, Mai Chao.

S Arabia: Abdulla Alduaie — Aleh Alneayma, Ahmed Medani, Majed Mohammed, Abdulla Aldosari — Fahad Mosaibeih, Muhaisen Aldosari, Mohammed Abdul Jawad — Saleh Alsaleh, Saadoun Alsuwaiti, Fahad Albishi.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

Singapore — WC Asian final round
Qatar 0
South Korea 0
Att: 34,000.

Qatar: Younis Ahmed — Jumah Saleh, Mohd Alamari, Saleh Eid (Khalid Salman), Mahmood Soofi — Mohd Deham, Yousef Asdani, Ali Sulaiti, Mubarak Salem — Adel Khamis, Mansoor Muftah.

S Korea: Kim Pong-joo — Chung Yong-hwan, Park Kyung-moon, Gu Sang-bum, Yoon Deuk-yeo — Choi Kang-hee, Hwangbo Kwan (Choi Sang-kuk), Kim Sang-ho — Kim Joo-sung, Hwang Seon-hong (Chpoi Soon-ho), Byun Byung-joo.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

Bologna — intl friendly
Italy 0
Brazil 1 (Andre Cruz 77)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 36,000. **Ref:** Kohl (Aus)

Italy: Zenga — Bergomi, De Agostini, F Baresi, Ferri (Ferrara 40), De Napoli, Baggio, Berti, Vialli, Giannini (Fusi 61), Carnevale.

Brazil: Taffarel — Jorginho, Aldair (Andre Cruz 70), Mauro Galvao, Mazinho, Ricardo, Muller, Dunga, Careca, Silas (Tita 68), Alemao (Geovani 88).

Brazil, despite the club-commitment absences of the likes of Romario, Mozer and Valdo, deserved a most valuable prestige victory. Their attacking football was neater and more penetrative than the Italians — for all that Italy sweeper Franco Baresi was the game's outstanding individual. The longer the game went on the more bereft of ideas Italy appeared to be. Baggio was as anonymous here as he had been brilliant against the Bulgarians in Cesena. Carnevale was almost as restricted, popping up just the once, in the 59th minute, when he wasted a clear opening presented by Giannini's through pass. In the end it was left to Brazil substitute Andre Cruz to curl home a decisive free kick for the winner.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

Barranquilla — WC SA/Oceania play-off, 1st leg
Colombia 1 (Uzurriaga 73)
Israel 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** Vautrot (Fr)

Colombia: Higuita — W Perez, Escobar, Perea, Villa — Alvarez, Valderrama, Fajardo, Redin (Uzurriaga 46) — Iguaran, Ruben Hernandez.

Israel: Ginzburg — Allon, Amar, Avi Cohen, Barda, Klenger, Sinai, Tikva (Pisanti 55), Davidi, Ohana (Levin 75), Rosenthal.

Colombia did all the attacking yet found the well-organised Israelis impervious to virtually every scoring effort. Arnoldo Iguaran was the most threatening Colombia forward in the first half. At half-time manager Francisco Maturana decided on a more direct approach and brought on Atletico Nacional winger Albeiro Uzurriaga. That move pleased the crowd and eventually also Maturana as well, as Uzurriaga strayed into the middle to shoot the only goal of the game.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

Singapore — WC Asian final round
S Arabia 1 (Saadoun Alsuwaiti 3)
Qatar 1 (Mansoor Muftah 87)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 10,000.

Another blow for Saudi's Asian champions as Qatar's finest-ever player, Mansoor Muftah, neatly deflected a cross-shot by left back Jumah Saleem for a late, late equaliser.

Singapore — WC Asian final round
South Korea 1 (Hwang Seon-hong 18)
North Korea 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 16,500.

This was not the first time the cousins and neighbours had met but it was their first duel in the World Cup. Hwang Seon-hong headed the only goal from a Kim Joo Sung corner. Yun Jong Su, Han Hyong Il and Pang Gwang Chol all came close to an equaliser but the South Koreans deserved their success.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

Singapore — WC Asian final round
UAE 2 (Khalil Ghanim Mubar 87, Adnan Khamis Talyani 88)
China 1 (Tang Yao-dong 61)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 10,000.

A remarkable late turn-around brought the Emirates a shock victory. China appeared to be cruising after their opening goal when Tang shot powerfully past Obaid Helal. With three minutes remaining, however, skipper Khalil headed the UAE level and then Adnan converted a corner for the winner.

OTHER MATCHES

Sep 10: Uruguay 2, Olimpia (Par) 0.
Oct 8: Trinidad & Tobago 2, Nacional (Uru) 0.
Oct 11: Torino 2, Costa Rica 0.
Oct 19: Roma 2, Costa Rica 1.

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CHAMPIONS' CUP
First round, second legs (Sep 27)

AEK Athens 5 (Manolas 27, Okonski 34 pen, Savidis 38, 60, Savavski 81)
Dynamo Dresden 3 (Guetschow 9, Lieberam 63, Minge 84)
HT: 3-1. **Att:** 32,000. **Ref:** Soriano Aladren (Sp)
AEK 5-4 on agg
AEK: Ikonomopulos — Pepes, Hatzis, Manolas, Kutulas — Papaioannu, Patikas (Karageopulos 87), Savevski, Batista (Christodolu 61) — Okonski, Savidis.
Dresden: Teuber — Wagenhaus, Liberam, Mauksch, Doschner — Sammer, Stubner (Minge 82), Pilz, Schossler — Kirsten, Gutschow (Milde 75).

Bayern Munich 0
Rangers 0
Att: 34,000. **Ref:** Fredriksson (Swe)
Bayern 3-1 on agg
Bayern: Aumann — Grahammer, Pflugler, Johnsen (Schwabl 46), Augenthaler, Strunz, Kogl, Reuter, Mihajlovic (Wohlfarth 69), Thon, McInally.
Rangers: Ginzburg — Stevens, Munro, Gough, Wilkins, Butcher, Steven, I Ferguson, Coewan (Drinkell 62), Johnston, Walters.

Benfica 4 (Mats Magnusson 32, Vata Garcia 61, Ricardo 69, Aldair 80)
Derry City 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Urizar Azpitarte (Sp)
Benfica 6-1 on agg
Benfica: Silvino — Veloso, Aldair, Ricardo (Paulinho 73), Fonseca — Thern, Valdo, Abel (Chalana 80), Pacheco — Magnusson, Vata Garcia.
Derry: Dalton — Vaudequin, Neville, Curran, Brady — Carlyle, healy, Doolin, Coyle (Caudy 66) — Gauld, Krstic.

Brondbyernes 1 (Lars Olsen 54)
Marseille 1 (Jean-Pierre Papin 64)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 10,300. **Ref:** Gifford (Wal)
Marseille 4-1 on agg
Brondby: Schmeichel — Bjarne Jensen, Henrik Hansen, Lars Olsen, Christofte, Madsen, Pingel, Henrik Jensen (Frimann 73), Frank (Leif Nielsen 84), Christsen, Vilfort.
Marseille: Castaneda — Amoros, Di Meco, Tigana, Mozer, Germain (Forster 78), Francescoli, Sauzee, Papin, Eyraud (Vercruysse 69), Waddle.

CFKA Sredets 5 (Georgi Georgiev 20, 48, Marin Bakalov 25, Lubomir Penev 75, Petar Vitanov 89)
Ruch Chorzow 1 (Krzstof Warzycha 83)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 16,000. **Ref:** Stiegler (Cz)
CFKA 6-2 on agg
CFKA: Valov — Dimitrov, Ivanov (Vitanolv 77), Urokov, Mladenov — Yanchev, Kostadinov, Stoichkov, Penev (Kirov 81) — Bakalov, Georgiev.
Ruch: Kolodziejczyk — Wormaljak, Wagner, Formalik, Chorzewski (Gawenda 77) — Scewczyk, Warzycha, Nowak, Lukascyk, Szuster (Mosor 60), Bak.

Dnepr 1 (Sohn 7)
Linfield 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Palsi (Fin)
Dnepr 3-1 on agg
Dnepr: Gorodov — Yudin (Shakhov 68), Gerachenko, Sidelnikov, Tishenko — Kudritski (Chervoni 88), Bagmut, Cherednik — Yakovenko, Son, Luty.
Linfield: Dunlop — Dornan, D Coyle, Doherty, Jeffrey — Deanhonn, Baxter, Mooney, McGaughey — McKeown, Bailie.

Fenerbahce 1 (Oguz 82)
Sparta Praha 2 (Ivan Hasek 38, Petar Novak 89)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 35,000. **Ref:** Lanese (It)
Sparta 5-2 on agg
Fenerbahce: Schumacher — Ismail, Mezihi, Hasan, Ustaomer — Mujdat (Erdal 46), Corlu, Oguz, Hazan — Ridvan, Aykut.
Sparta: Stejskal — Milejenik, Novotny, Nemecek, Vrabec — Bilek, Hasek, Cabala, Sadl — Kukleta (Novak 55), Skuhravy.

Fram Reykjavik 0
Steaua 1 (Adrian Negrau 58)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 700. **Ref:** Pedersen (Nor)
Steaua 5-0 on agg
Fram: Kristinsson — Thorkelsson, K Jonsson, Bjarnasson, Kr Jonsson — Ormslev, Arnthorsson (Audunsson 80), Torfasson, Gudgeirsson — Steinsson, Margeirsson.
Steaua: Lung — Iovan, Bumbescu, Ungureanu, D Minea (Negrau 45) — Petrescu (A Minea 64), Balint, Rotariu, Dumitrescu — Grigoras, Lacatus.

HJK Helsinki 0
Milan 1 (Stefano Borgonovo 30)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 17,664. **Ref:**Butenko (SU)
Milan 5-0 on agg
HJK: Jakunen — Yla-Jussila, Vuorela, Rissanen, Kanerva, Tiainen (Rautiainen 71), Antunnen, Rasimus, Vaurynen, Granlund, Valla (Suokonautio 71).
Milan: Pazzagli — Carobbi, Costacurta, Colombo, F Galli, F Baresi, Stroppa (Simone 46), Rijkaard, Borgonovo, Fuser (Evani 56), Lantigotti.

Internazionale 1 (Aldo Serena 68)
Malmo 1 (Leif Enqvist 80)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 70,000. **Ref:** Kirschen (EG)
Malmo 2-1 on agg
Inter: Zenga — Bergomi, Brehme, Matteoli, Ferri, Mandorlini, Bianchi (Cucchi 67), Berti, Klinsmann, Matthaus, Serena (Morello 70).
Malmo: Fedel — Agren, Schwarz, Peter Jonsson, Vondeburg, Niclas Larsen (Dahlin 71), Persson, Engqvist, Joakim Nilsson, Andersson, Lindman (Ekheim 76).

Luzern 0
PSV Eindhoven 2 (Romario 25, 32)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 3,000. **Ref:** Quiniou (Fr)
PSV 5-0 on agg
Luzern: Tschudin — Wehrli, Kaufmann, Marini, Schonenberger (Gmur 46), Muller, Nadig, Burri, Baumann, Eriksen, Gretarsson (Moser 60).
PSV: Van Breukelen — Gerets, Koot, Nielsen, heintze, Van Aerle, Vanenburg, Lerby, Kalusha Bwalya (Ellerman 60), Romario, Kieft.

Mechelen 5 (John Bosman 16, 53, Eli Ohana 54, 76, Francis Severeyns 87)
Rosenborg Trondheim 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 6,000. **Ref:** Philippi (Lux)
Mechelen 5-0 on agg
Mechelen: Preud'homme — Sanders, Clysters, Rutjes, Bruno Versavel, Patrick Versavel, Hofkens (Albert 74), De Wilde, Emmers, Bosman (Severeyns 74), Ohana.
Rosenborg: By Rise — Husby, Sollied, Eggen, Henriksen, Ingebrigtsen, Brandhaug, Berg, Lokken, Sorloth (Svorlmo 76), J I Jakobsen.

Nentori 5 (Agustin Kola 29, 34, Sinan Bardhi 39, Skender Hodja 51, Florian Riza 56)
Sliema Wanderers 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Kutay (Tur)
Nentori 5-1 on agg
Nentori: Mersini — Liti, Josa, Daja, Alimehmeti — Hodja, Lekbello (Sako 78), Riza, Omuri — Bardhi, Kola.
Sliema: Calleja — Cluett, Zammit, Skardino, Navarro — Caruana (Overant 52), Suda (Greg 80), Gauci, Wolker — Oberg, Gregory.

Omonia 2 (Xiuruppas 11, Yiatru 59)
FC Tirol 3 (Michael Baur 48, Christoph Westerthaler 85, Pacult 89)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Colic (Yug)
Tirol 9-2 on agg
Omonia: Charitou — Iacovu, Christodolu, Christofi, Tsikos — Petsas, Sakis (Mavrostis 74), Bakarchiev — Kantilos, Micinec, Xiurupas (Yatru 46).
Tirol: Lindenberger — Lainer, Pezzey, Streiter (Wazinger 81) — Baur, Linzmaier, Amblinger, H Muller (Schneider 77), Hortnagl — Westerthaler, Pacult.

Real Madrid 6 (Hugo Sanchez 31, Esteban 35, Kremer og 46, Sebastian Losada 54, Julio Llorente 71, Miguel Tendillo 88)
Spora Luxembourg 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 16,000. **Ref:** Azzopardi (Mal)
Real Madrid 9-0 on agg
Madrid: Buyo (Agustin 46) — J Llorente, Esteban, Tendillo, Sanchis (Gordillo 63) — Hierro, Losada, Chendo, Aldana — Hugo Sanchez, P Llorente.
Spora: Feltern — Juchem, lessure, Kremer, Frantz — Laera (Cardoni 81), Janes (Dublin 67), Rigaud, Mergen — Reiter, Poggi.

Vojvodina 2 (Mihajlovic 26, Tanjga 50)
Honved 1 (Gacesa og 74)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 12,000. **Ref:** Spirin (SU)
Honved on away goals; agg 2-2
Vojvodina: Maras — Gacesa, Dakic, Milovac, Kartalija — Tanjga, Mihajlov, Punisic, Jokanovic — Sestic, Aleksic (Vorkapic 73).
Honved: P Disztl — Sallai, Cseh, Nagy, Czabi — Szijjarto (Tule 59), Sikesdi, Csuhay, Sass — Fodor (Pisont 46), Gregor.

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Dinamo Bucharest 2 (Dorin Mateut 8, Iulian Mihaescu 13)
Dinamo Tirana 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 16,000. **Ref:** Petrovic (Yug).
Played Sep 26.
Dinamo Bucharest 2-1 on agg
Dinamo Bucharest: Stelea — Rednic, Andone, Klein, Mihaescu, Sabau, Lupescu, Mateut, Timofte, Vaiscovici, Lupo.
Dinamo Tirana: Strakosha — Ibro, Noga, Vata, Abazi, Kove — Ferko, Briza (Gjergji 35), Canaj — Tahiri (Jance 75), Demollari.

Grasshoppers 4 (Mats Gren 16, 115, Andy Egli 60 pen, Marc Strudal 83)
Slovan Bratislava 0
HT: 1-0. **90min:** 3-0. **Att:** 3,400. **Ref:** Habermann (EG).
Played Sep 26.
Grasshoppers 4-3 on agg, after extra time
Grasshoppers: M Brunner — Meier, Egli, In-Albon — Gren, Andermatt, Koller (Wyss 70), Bickel, Sutter — Strudal, Wiederkehr (De Vicente 76).
Slovan: Schmucker — Kinier — Ekhardt, Tittel, Repacik — Stupala, Juriga (Jankovic 52), Varga, Chvila — Pecko (Kristofik 113), Timko.

Monaco 3 (Georges Weah 30, 35, Fabrige Mege 40)
Belenenses 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Rossner (EG).
Played Sep 26
Monaco 4-1 on agg
Monaco: Ettori — Blondeau (Poullain 40), Vogel (Petit 46), Mendy, Sonor, Puel, Ferratge. Dib, Mege, Weah, Diaz.
Belenenses: Mikhailov — Galo, Edmundo, Jose Antonio, Grosso (Saavedra 46), Juanico, Macae, Adao, Ribeiro, Chiquinho (Jaime 58), Chico Faria.

Hamrun Spartans 0
Valladolid 1 (Jesus Hidalgo 37)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 3,000. **Ref:** Fernandes Correia (Por).
Played Sep 26.
Valladolid 6-0 on agg
Hamrun: Leigh — Julian Micallef, Alex Azzopardi, Grech, Mundee, R Vella, Refalo, John Micallef, Fenech, Giorgio, Sultana (Morley 56).
Valladolid: Ravnic — Patri, Lemos, Albis (Lopez 46), Arguinano, Ayarza, Jankovic, Martinez, Minguela (Caminero 68), Hidalgo.

AEL Limassol 1 (George Sophocleus 43)
Admira Wacker 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Beusan (Yug)
Admira 3-1 on agg

Ballymena 0
Anderlecht 4 (Patrick Vervoort 27, 87, Marc Degryse 53, Arnor Gudjohnsen 85)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Olafsson (Ice)
Anderlecht 10-0 on agg
Ballymena: McErlean — Hamilton, M Smyth, Garrett, Heron, Young, McKee, Loughery, Pyper, Hardy, Simpson.
Anderlecht: De Wilde — Gudjohnsen, Marchoul, Van Tiggelen, Andersen, Ukkonen, Vervoort, Nilis, Degryse, Jankovic, Van der Linden.

Borussia Dortmund 2 (Martin Driller 16, Jurgen Wegmann 86)
Besiktas 1 (Ali 82)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 43,800. **Ref:** Blankenstein (Hol)
Dortmund 3-1 on agg
Borussia: De Beer — Macleod — Kutowski, Helmer — Lusch, Moller, Zorc, Rummenigge, Schulz — Driller (Wegmann 78), Mill.
Besiktas: Engin — Recep, Ulvi,

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Kadir, Gokhan — Metin, Mehmet, Riza, Wilson — Feyyaz, Ali.

Celtic 5 (Dariusz Dziekanowski 25, 46, 56, 80, Andy Walker 65)
Partizan 4 (Vujacic 8, Djordjevic 50, Djurovski 61, Scepovic 87)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 45,000. **Ref:** Peschel (EG)
Partizan on away goals rule: 6-6 agg
Celtic: Bonner — Grany, Rogan, Aitken, Whyte, Galloway, McStay, Dziekanowski, Walker, Miller.
Partizan: Pandurovic — Stanojkovic, Spasoc, Milanic, Petric, Vujacic, Djordjevic (Bajovic 77), Milojevic, Scepovic, Djurovski, Bogdanovic (Djordjevic 72).

Cork Celtic 0
Torpedo Moscow 1 (Yuri Savichev 12)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 6,000. **Ref:** Lartigot (Fr)
Torpedo 6-0 on agg
Cork: Harrington — Bowdren, Conroy, Murphy, Long, Freyne, Barry, Cotter, Nagle, Bannon, Caulfield.
Torpedo: Sarichev — Polukarov, Kovach, Chugunov, Rogovski, Grechnev, Yuri Savichev, Rudakov, Nikolai Savichev, Shiribekov (Soloviev), Grishin (Zhukov 30).

Djurgarden 5 (Mikael Martinsson 53, 84, Leif Nilsson 60, Steve Galloway 80 , 89)
Union Sportive, Lux 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 1,180. **Ref:** Keltanen (Fin)
Djurgarden 5-0 on agg

Dynamo Berlin 2 (Rainer Ernst 23, Jorn Lenz 83)
Valur 1 (Kristjansson 53)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Damgaard (Den)
Dynamo Berlin 4-2 on agg
Dynamo: Rudwaleit — Rohde — Ksienzyk, Reich, Herzog, Koller — Doll, Bonan, Ernst, Thom — Anders.
Valur: Sigurdsson — S Jonsson, Thrainsson, Tomasson — Petursso, Baldursson, Adolfsson, Askelsson, I Gudmundsson — L Gudmundsson, Kristjansson.

Haka Valkeakoski 1 (Tommi Paavola 74)
Ferencvaros 1 (Jozsef Keller 48)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 503. **Ref:** Helen (Swe)
Ferencvaros 6-2 on agg
Haka: Huttunen — Tanttu, Makela, Korkea-aho, Nieminen (Rice 40) — Laiho, Lintunen, Paavola, Holappa — Valvee, Rautiainen (Hell 63).
Ferencvaros: Jozsa — Simon, Pinter, Keller — Vaszil, Banki, Kereszturi, Topor — Paling (Albert 77), Wukovics, Dukon.

Ikast 1 (Sigurd Kristensen 83 pen)
Groningen 2 (Hennie Meijer 35, Rene Eykelkamp 69)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 3,639. **Ref:** Nervik (Nor)
Groningen 3-1 on agg
Ikast: Krogh — Henning Larsen, Kent Hansen, Piechnik — Eriksen, Kristensen, Jan Larsen (Johnny Hansen 57), Madsen — Kjeldsen (Michael Larsen 76), Pedersen, Thygesen.
Groningen: Lodeiwjks — Sinkgraven, Koevermans, Boekweg, Wilson — Koorman, Van Dijk, Ten Caat, Roossien — Meijer, Eykelkamp.

Legia Warsaw 0
Barcelona 1 (Michael Laudrup 11)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Holzmann (Aus)
Barcelona 2-1 on agg
Legia: Szczesny — Kubicki, Kruszankin, Wdowczyk, Kaczmarek, Bak, Cyzia (Jozwiak 83), Iwanicki, Latka, Kosecki, Terlecki.
Barcelona: Zubizarreta — Lopez Recarte, Alesanco, Koeman, Serna, Eusebio (Milla 88), Soler, Julio Salinas, Laudrup, Roberto, Beguiristain (Amor 59).

Sampdoria 1 (Srecko Katanec 63)
Brann Bergen 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Alexandrov (Bul)
Sampdoria 3-0 on agg
Sampdoria: Pagliucca — Carboni, Katanec, Pari (Lanna 80), Vierchowod, Pellegrini, Victor (Salsano 63), Invernizzi, Vialli, Mancini, Dossena.
Brann: Elvenes — Bjornstad, Ahl;sen, Wassberg, Moldestad, Roth, Torvanger (Berentsen 46), Drici, Nordeide, O Thordarsson, Olsen (Nybo 72).

Swansea 3 (James 31 pen, Melville 46, 67)
Panathinaikos 3 (Dimopulos 59, Saravakos 73 pen, 89)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 8,276. **Ref:** Lund Sorensen (Den)
Panathinaikos 6-5 on agg
Swansea: Bracey — Hough, Coleman, Melville, Boyle, James, Phillips, Legg (D'Auria 59), Hutchison, Salako, Raynor.
Panathinaikos: Abadiotakis — Hatzthanasiu, Kubanos, Kalantzais, Kalitzakis, Mavriidis, Saravakos, Polak (Antoniu 58), Dimopulos, Kolev, Georgamlis.

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First round, second legs
(Sep 27 unless stated)

Antwerp 4 (Ralf Geilenkirchen 83, Nico Claesen 87, 90, Rafael Quaranta 96)
Vitosha 3 (Georgi Slavchev 6, Georgi Donkov 82, Petar Mikhtarski 84)
HT: 0-1. 90min: 1-3. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Kaupe (Aus).
Played Sep 26.
Antwerp 4-3 on agg, after extra time
Antwerp: De Coninck — Kiekens, Dekenne, Brockart, Smidts, Lehnhoff, Schrooten (Geilenkirchen 46), Quaranta, Van Rooy, Claesen, czerniatynski (Hobrechts 70).
Vitosha: Zdravkov — Vangelov, Koev, Georgiev, Savov, Slavchev, Yotov (Donkov 70), Griyev, Iskrenov, Yordanov (Gospodinov 85), Mikhtarski.

Jeunesse d'Esch 0
Sochaux 5 (Jose Francisco Carrasco 8, Christophe Thomas 28, 29, 53, Franck Silvestre 38)
HT: 0-4. **Att:** 1,000. **Ref:** Goris (Bel).
Played Sep 26.
Sochaux 12-0 on agg
Jeunesse: Hoffmann — Muller, Blasi, Bossi, Welscher — Thome, Sholten, Rinaldis, De Oliveira (Wagner 65).
Sochaux: Rousset — Croci, Silvestre, Hadzibegic, Tihy (Oudjani 46) — Lucas, Laurey, Thomas, henry — Carrasco, Lada (Morin 63).

Videoton 0
Hibernian 3 (Keith Houchen 9, Gareth Evans 60, John Collins 80)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 18,000. **Ref:** Assenmacher (WG).
Played Sep 26.
Hibernian 4-0 on agg
Videoton: Petry — Nemeth (Szprecsak 21), Laszlo, Horvath — Takacs, Mariasi, Kuttor, Csucsanszky, Quiriko (Babai 53) — Jonas, Petres.
Hibernian: Goram — Kane, Hunter, Cooper, Sneddon — Hamilton, Orr, Mitchell (McCurley 46), Collins — Evans, Houchen (Archibald 84).

Vienna 3 (Ewald Jenisch 20, Ralf Balzis 53, 80)
Valletta 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 1,500. **Ref:** Hartmann (Hun).
Played Sep 26.
Vienna 7-1 on agg

Zaragoza 1 (Miguel Pardeza 39)
Apollon Limassol 1 (Charalambos Pyttas 89 pen)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 11,000. **Ref:** Kesseler (Lux).
Played Sep 26.
Zaragoza 4-1 on agg
Zaragoza: Chilavert — Juanito, Villanova, Julia, Pablo, Vizcaino, Senor, Vollaroya, Salillas, Sirakov (Higueras 46), Pardeza.
Apollon: M Christofi — Andrelis, P Christofi, D Ioannu, Pittas, Iosifidis, Rizos (Tsolakis 60), Yangudakis, I Ioannu, Ptak, Adamczyk.

Olympiakos Piraes 2 (Lajos Detari 34, Nikos Anastopulos 76)
Rad Belgrade 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 32,000. **Ref:** Longhi (It).
Played Sep 28.
Olympiakos 3-2 on agg

Ajax Amsterdam 1 (Wouters 44)
FK Austria 1 (Hannes Pleva 98)
HT: 1-0. 90min: 1-0. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Galler (Swz)
Match abandoned at 104 mins; FK Austria leading 2-1 on agg
Ajax: Menzo — Larsson, Vink, Verkuyl — Winter, Wouters, Bergkamp (De Boer 72), Witschge — Van't Schip, Fischer, Roy.
FK Austria: Wohlfahrt — Sekerlioglu, Pfeffer, Aigner, Degiorgi — Hormann, Zsak, Milevski (Baez 80), Prosenik — Ogris, Pleva.

Apollonia Fier 0
Auxerre 3 (Enzo Scifo 25, 31, Cocard 72)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 12,000. **Ref:** Constantin (Rum)
Auxerre 8-0 on agg
Apollonia: Stefa — Bita, Pogace, Tegu, Papaciu — Poci (Cucuri 37), Tole, Haxhiu, Zeliu — Stroni (Ndreu 52), Majaci.
Auxerre: Martini — Catalano, Darras, Boli, Mazzolini — Matysek, Guerreiro, Scifo — Otokore (Dutuel 46), Kovacs, Vahirua (Cocard 46).

Banik Ostrava 4 (Radim Necas 28, Radomir Chylek 43, Jiri Zelski 69, Vaclav Pechacek 77)
Hansa Rostock 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Zhuk (SU)
Banik 7-2 on agg
Banik: Miklosko — Stas — Pechacek, Skarabela, Zalesky (Basta 78), Kula, Necas, Vrto — Chilek (Fryc 58), Hyravy, Horvath.
Hansa: Kunath — Marz (Klut 86) — Rietentiet (Weichert 68), Wahl, Alms — Dowe, Schulz, Weilant, Babendererde — Rohrich, Fuchs.
Boavista 2 (Joao Pinto 40, 91)
Karl-Marx-Stadt 2 (Heidrich 104, Melhorn 119)
HT: 1-0. 90min: 1-0. **Att:** 18,000. **Ref:** Delmer (Fr)
Karl-Marx-Stadt 3-2 on agg, after extra time
Boavista: Padrao — Frederico — Jaime, Valdir (Valerio 55), Casaca — Agartao, Walker, Parente, Isaias — Joao Pinto (Forbs 99), Jorge Andrade.
KM-Stadt: Schmidt — Barsikow — Bitterman (Laudeley 79), Muller, Ziffert, Illing — Kohler, Steinmann, Keller — Heidrich, Mitzscherling (Mehlhorn 96).

Club Brugge 4 (Foke Booy 6, Laszlo Disztl 18, Lorenzo Staelens 20, Frank Farina 18, 32)
Twente Enschede 1 (Andre Paus 24)
HT: 4-1. **Att:** 19,000. **Ref:** Wiesel (WG)
Club Brugge 4-1 on agg
Brugge: Vande Walle — Querter (Creve 88), Plovie, L Disztl, Borkelmans, Franky Van der Elst, Ceulemans, Staelens, Farina, Booy, Christiaens (Schmidt 54).
Twente: De Koning — Peeper, Ritten, Karnebeek, Paus, Elzinga, Steffensen (Neijenhaus 33), Lipponen, Claus Nielsen, Huistra, Gaasbeek (Schmidt 54).

Dundalk 0
Wettingen 2 (Andreas Loebmann 40, 54)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 2,000. **Ref:** Hope (Sc)
Wettingen 5-0 on agg
Dundalk: O'Neill — Lawless (Eccles 75), Lawlor, Coll., Malone, McNulty, Wise (Cleary 46), Newe, Cousins, Collins, Shelley.
Wettingen: Stiel — Germann, Rueda, Heldman, Schapull, Kundert, Svensson (Hausermann 75), Bertelsen (Baumgartner 75), Corneliusson, Jacobacci, Loebmann.

Dundee Utd 2 (John Clark 25, Kevin Gallacher 47)
Glentoran 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 9,340. **Ref:** Midgley (Eng)
Dundee Utd 5-1 on agg
Dundee Utd: Thomson — Cleland, Malpas, Van den Hoorn (Krivokapic 65), Clark, Narey, Gallacher, Bowman, Hinds (O'Neill 73), McInally, Preston.
Glentoran: Smyth — Neill, McCaffrey, Campbell, Moore, Bowers, Divine, Caskey (Mathieson 50), MacCartney, Jameson, Totten (Douglas 80).

Feyenoord 2 (Piet Keur 24, Martin Van Geel 55 pen)
Stuttgart 1 (Asgeir Sigurvinsson 64)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 18,000. **Ref:** Rosa dos Santos (Por)
Stuttgart 3-2 on agg
Feyenoord: Hiele — Wasiman (Brochard 74), Brands, Nortan, Mulder — Lokhoff, Van Geel, Metgod, Blinker (Smolarek 46) — Kiprich, Keur.
Stuttgart: Immel — Schafer, Allgower, Buchwald, Strehmel — Hartmann, Basualdo (Sigurvinsson 65), Gaudino, Frontzeck — Hotic, Walter.

Fiorentina 1 (Buso 25)
Atletico Madrid 0
HT: 1-0. 90min: 1-0. **Att:** 25,000 (in Perugia). **Ref:** Vautrot (Fr)
Fiorentina 3-1 on pens; 1-1 on agg
Fiorentina: Landucci — Pioli, Volpecina, Iachini, Pin, Battistini, Zironelli, Dunga (Faccenda 65), Dertycia (Sereni 116), Baggio, Buso.
Atletico: Abel — Tomas. Sergio, Ferreira, *Goicoechea, Donato (Mrina 65), Pizo Gomez (Manolo 77), Orejuela, Baltazar, Futre. *Goicoechea sent off, 113min.

Flacara Moreni 1 (Teodor Beldie 52)
FC Porto 2 (Jaime Magalhaes 21, Rui Aguas 89)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 11,000. **Ref:** Namoglu (Tur)
FC Porto 4-1 on agg
Flacara: Tene — Jercalau, Beldie, Butufei, Glavan (Marcu 46) — Chirita, Dragnea, C Pana, D Sava — Stere (Valdean 65), Lala.
Porto: Vitor Baia — Joao Pinto, Demol, J Carlos, Branco — Jaime Magalhaes, Bandeirinha, Semedo, Andre — Rui Aguas, Madjer (Domingos 69; Kiki 88).

GKS Katowice 0 RoPs 1 (Karilla 61)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 3,948. **Ref:** Hoxha (Alb)
RoPs 2-1 on agg

Hamburg 5 (Thomas Von Heesen 25, Dietmar Beiersdorfer 35, Jan Furtok

79, Armin Eck 88, Jens-Peter Fischer 89)
Orgryte 1 (Grandelius 76)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 9,000. **Ref:** Listkiewicz (Aus)
Hamburg 7-2 on agg

IFK Gothenburg 1 (Mikael Nilsson 53)
Zhalgiris 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 4,676. **Ref:** Lloyd (Wal)
Zhalgiris 2-1 on agg

Juventus 4 (Schillaci 2, 25, Fortunato 4, Marocchi 6)
Gornik 2 (Kosela 44, Lissek 83)
HT: 4-1. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Fockler (WG)
Juventus 5-2 on agg
Juventus: Tacconi — Galia, De Agostini, Fortunato, Brio, Tricella, Aleinikov, Barros (Casiraghi 46), Zavarov, Marocchi (Bruno 46), Schillaci.
Gornik: Wandzik — Waldock, Dankowski, Jegor, Staniek, Rzepka, Warzycha, Lissek, Kosela, Zagorski, Cyron.

Liege 4 (Luc Ernes 8, 19, Bernard Wegria 40, Danny Boffin 81)
Akranes 1 (Petursson 22)
HT: 3-1. **Att:** 2,000. **Ref:** Bindels (Lux)
Liege 6-1 on agg

MTK Budapest 1 (Robert Jovan 87)
Kiev Dynamo 2 (Zayets 10, Solelko 88)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 2,500. **Ref:** Germanakos (Gr)
Kiev 6-1 on agg

Naestved 0
Zenit 0
Att: 4,184. **Ref:** Larsson (Swe)
Zenit 3-1 on agg

Napoli 0
Sporting Lisbon 0
Att: 70,000. **Ref:** Biguet (Fr)
Napoli 4-3 on pens; 0-0 agg

Paris Saint-Germain 3 (Safet Susic 17, Zlatko Vujovic 56, Gabriel Calderon 69 pen)
Kuusysu Lahti 2 (Ilkka Remes 15, Ismo Lius 89)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Veiga Trigo (Por)
Paris SG 3-2 on agg

Plastika Nitra 0
Koln 1 *(Higel 33)*
HT: *0-1.* ***Att:*** *12,000.*
Koln 5-1 on agg

Rapid Vienna 1 (Jan-Age Fjortoft 18)
Aberdeen 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 20,000.
Rapid on away goals; 2-2 agg

Red Star 2 (Lukic 3, Pancev 67)
Galatasaray 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 65,000.
Red Star 3-1 on agg

Sion 2 (Mirsad Baljic 75, Alvaro Lopez 79)
Iraklis 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 8,000.
Sion 2-1 on agg

Spartak Moscow 2 (Cherenkov 29, Rodionov 89)
Atalanta 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 65,000.
Spartak 2-0 on agg

Victoria Bucharest 1 (Haganu 50)
Valencia 1 (Toni 39)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 10,000.
Valencia 4-2 on agg

Werder Bremen 2 (Frank Neubarth 66, Gunnar Sauer 89)
Lillestrom 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 6,000.
Werder Bremen 5-1 on agg

CHAMPIONS' CUP
Second round, first legs
(October 18)

Bayern Munich 3 (Ludwig Kogl 16 pen, Radmilo Mihajlovic 26, 64)
17 Nentori Tirana 1 (Minga 30)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 11,000. **Ref:** Philippi (Lux)
Bayern: Aumann — Augenthaler — Grahammer, Kohler, Pflugler — Reuter, Schwabl (McInally 46), Dorfner, Kogl — Wohlfarth (Kastenmaier 79), Mihajlovic.
Nentori: Mersini — Hodja, Alimehmeti (Ismaili 84), Lekbello, Daja, Stofa (Liti 87), Josa, Omuri, Minga, Riza, Kola.

Bayern were given more trouble than they expected by the Albanians. Ludwig Kogl put Bayern ahead from a penalty after Riza fouled Schwabl. Yugoslav striker Mihajlovic, surprising starting instead of Alan McInally, missed chances in the 10th and 18th minute. But he made amends soon after, converting a pass from Pflugler for Bayern's second goal. Arben Minga surprised Bayern by scoring on a cross from Riza. But after the interval Mihajlovic came to the rescue by heading home a Kogl cross.

Dnepr 2 (Andrei Yudin 36, Eduard Son 66)
FC Tirol 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 27,500. **Ref:** Mikkelsen (Den)

Dnepr owed victory not only to the goals of Yudin and Son but to a string of fine saves from Tirol by goalkeeper Gorodov.

Honved 0
Benfica 2 (Pacheco 33 pen, Valdo 68)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 9,000. **Ref:** Cooper (Wal)
Honved: P Disztl — Csuhay, Csabi, Nagy — Sallai, Szijjarto, Pisont, Fedor, Cseh — Fuele, Gregor.
Benfica: Silvino — Vitor Paneira, Ricardo, Aldair (Samuel 69), Veloso — Abel, Thern, Valdo, Pacheco (Chalana 68) — Magnusson, Vata Garcia.

A poor first half came to life only after Pacheco's penalty. Man of the match Valdo collected a deserved reward with a stylish individual effort in the 68th minute. It could have been 3-0, but Chalana shot wide from the penalty spot with five minutes left.

Malmo 0
Mechelen 0
Att: 19,015. **Ref:** Worrall (Eng)
Malmo: Fedel — Agren, T Persson, P Jonsson, Vondernburg, N Larsson, Schwarz, Engqvist, J Nilsson, Andersson, Lindman.
Mechelen: Preud'homme — Sanders, Clijsters, Rutjes, Albert, B Versavel, Hofkens (Deferm 63), P Versavel, Bosman, Emmers, Wilmots.

Malmo dominated the first half but could not find a way through the well-organised defensive cordon thrown up by the Belgians. Joakim Nilsson, being watched by Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish, had a superb game. But Mechelen were without Dutch European title-winning midfielder Erwin Koeman while striker Eli Ohana was on the subs' bench still recovering from jet lag after his flight to and from Colombia for a World Cup play-off. Despite that Mechelen nearly won the match when Joh Bosman's shot struck the bar in the 65th minute.

Marseille 2 (Jean-Pierre Papin 56, Stelios Manolas own goal 81)
AEK Athens 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Sandoz (Swz)
Marseille: Huard — Amoros, Di Meco, Forster, Mozer, Sauzee, Tigana, Roche, Waddle, Papin, Francescoli.
AEK: Iconomopulos — Vasilopulos, Manolas, Kutulas, Hatsis, Papaioannou, Okonski, Patikas (Famelis 63), Savevski, Christodolu (Daniel Batista 69), Savidis.

Fit-again Marseille skipper Jean-Pierre Papin had a hand in both goals. He scored Marseille's first goal on an assist from Enzo Francescoli, then saw his shot deflected by Manolas as an own goal. AEK never recovered from a piece of bad luck in the fourth minute: Patikas got the ball in the Marseille net but was pulled back because referee Sandoz had already blown for a foul just outside the penalty box. AEK's Polish forward, Miroslaw Okonski, scored direct from the free kick!

Milan 2 (Rijkaard 8, Van Basten 13 pen)
Real Madrid 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 68,000. **Ref:** Schmidhuber (It)
Milan: Galli — Tassotti, Maldini, Colombo, Costacurta, F Baresi, Simone (Borgonovo 84), Rijkaard (Donadoni 46), Van Basten, Ancelotti, Evani.
Madrid: Buyo — Chendo (Losada 79), Gordillo, Schuster (J Llorente 14), Hierro, Ruggeri, P Llorente, Michel, Hugo Sanchez, Martin Vazquez, Sanchis.

The European season's top match began in suitably explosive style. First Frank Rijkaard headed home a cross from the right by Marco Van Basten. Then Van Basten himself converted a penalty after he had been pulled down by keeper Buyo. The ball had sprung loose from Rijkaard's challenge on Martin Vazquez and a muscle strain prevented sweeper Schuster beating Van Basten to the loose ball. TV replays showed the foul as having been committed just outside the penalty area. But rough justice was done when Van Basten outsmarted Buyo with his spot kick. Considering their awful start, Madrid did well not to concede any more goals. And if Milan were without Ruud Gullit, so Madrid were themselves missing injured Emilio Butragueno.

Sparta Praha 2 (Michal Bilek 75 pen, Tomas Skuhravy 85)
CFKA Sredets 2 (Hristo Stoichkov 13, Emil Kostadinov 57)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 7,690 (in Trnava). **Ref:** Khokhriakov (SU)

Sparta hit back to draw after being two goals down inside an hour. Stoichkov opened the scoring with a solo run and shot past Jan Stejskal. Then Kostadinov fended off a Skuhravy tackle to score a second. Sparta's revival was rewarded with a penalty converted by Bilek in the 75th minute. Then Skuhravy shot the equaliser after CFKA keeper Ilya Valov could only parry a Vitezslav Lavicka shot.

Steaua 1 (Marius Lacatus 17)
PSV Eindhoven 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 27,500. **Ref:** Karlsson (Swe)

Goalkeepr Hans Van Breukelen was PSV's hero for a number of fine saves which restricted Steaua to the minumum victory. Marius Lacatus scored the goal after reaching a left-wing cross just ahead of fullback Jan Heintze. Gheorghe Hagi was the creative fulcrum for PSV. But as the Rumanians tired in the closing stages, so PSV's Povlsen began to unsettle the Steaua defence and Hans Gillhaus fired narrowly over the bar.

CUP-WINNERS' CUP
Second round, first legs
(October 18 unless stated)

Borussia Dortmund 1 (Jurgen Wegmann 64)
Sampdoria 1 (Roberto Mancini 88)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 45,560. **Ref:** Spirin (SU).
Played Oct 17.
Dortmund: De Beer — Kroth, Kutowski, Helmet, Schulz, Lusch, Zorc, Moller, Macleod, Driller, Mill (J Wegmann 46).
Sampdoria: Pagliuca — Pellegrini, Mannini, Vierchowod, Dossena (Salsano 88), Katanec, Pari, Victor (Lombardo 74), Carbone, Vialli, Mancini.

Substitute Jurgen Wegmann delighted Dortmund by shooting them ahead in the second half from close range after Martin Driller had two shots blocked. Sampdoria drew level through Italian World Cup prospect Roberto Mancini, just two minutes from time after a lapse of concentration in the Dortmund defence.

Monaco 0
Dynamo Berlin 0
Att: 6,500. **Ref:** Forstinger (Aus).
Played Oct 17.
Monaco: Ettori — Puel, Petit, Mendy, Sonor — Poullain, Ferratge, Dib, Mege — Weah (Hateley 46), Diaz (Toure 48).
Dynamo: Rudwaleit — Rohde — Ksienzyk, Reich, Herzog, Koller — Lenz (Kuttner 46), Ernst, Bonan — Doll, Thom.

Dynamo proved too well-organised for a Monaco who started with a side weakened by injury and collected two more casualties during the game. Georges Weah and Ramon Diaz, both of whom threatened first-half danger, had to be substituted at the start of the second half. First reports suggested they could be out of action for several weeks and would almost certainly miss the return; leg. Since their substitutes, Hateley and Toure, had both themselves only just recovered from serious injury, it was no wonder Dynamo coasted home.

Admira Wacker 1 (Gerhard Rodax 88)
Ferencvaros 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Van Swieten (Hol)

Rodax, 19-goal top scorer in the Austrian league, shot home a rebound following a free kick for the only goal. Yet Admira had created the chances to have won the match much earlier and much more clearly. Goalkeepers Wolfgang Knaller (Adnira) and Miklos Josa (Fradi) were the game's star players.

Anderlecht 3 (Milan Jankovic 12, Marc Degryse 46)
Barcelona 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Fredriksson (Swe)
Anderlecht: De Wilde — Grun, Van Tiggelen, Keshi, Andersen, Gudjohnsen, Musonda (Nilis 36), Jankovic, Vervoort, Degryse, Van der Linden.
Barcelona: Zubizarreta — Urbano (Milla 46), Aloisio, Sena, Eusebio, Roberto, Koeman, Baquero (Julio Alberto 75), Beguiristain, Laudrup, Salinas.

Cup holders Barcelona sometimes went beyond the laws trying to hold Anderlecht at bay. Record signing Marc Degryse was the Belgian hero. He set up the first goal for Milan Jankovic, former Red Star and Real Madrid midfielder, then scored the second himself. Only a superb save by

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Zubizarreta prevented Luc Nilis scoring a third for Anderlecht.

Groningen 4 (H Meijer 18, Theo Ten Caat 38, Jos Roossien 49, Wim Koevermans 74)
Partizan Belgrade 3 (Milorad Bajevic 34, Milko Djurovski 45, 83)
HT: 2-2. **Att:** 17,250. **Ref:** Lund-Sorensen (Den)

Winger Ulrich Wilson laid on two of Groningen's goals against a Partizan outfit repeating the positive, goal-grabbing style which had served them so well away from home in the previous round against Celtic.

Panathinaikos 0
Dinamo Bucharest 2 (Florin Raducioiu 58, Dorin Mateut 66)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 45,000. **Ref:** Pauly (WG)

Dinamo shocked the Athens crowd to silence and might have won by even more goals had Costas Mavridis not cleared off the line from Ioan Sabou in the 37th minute and then had a Mateut drive not struck a post in the 64th. At the other end, Dinamo keeper Bogdan Stelea made a fine first-half save from Saravakos and Christos Kalatzis shot wide from close range in the second. Sabou opened the way for Raducioiu's opening goal; Claudio Vaiscovici created the second, for Mateut.

Torpedo Moscow 1 (Yuri Savichev 29)
Grasshoppers 1 (Marc Strudal 88)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 22,000. **Ref:** Keltanen (Fin)

A late equaliser from Marc Strudal strengthened Grasshoppers' confidence that they could overturn Torpedo back in Switzerland as successfully as they had Slovan Bratislava in the first round.

Valladolid 2 (Stefan Kullberg og 30, Gabriel Moya 33)
Djurgarden 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 28,400. **Ref:** Galler (Swz)

Two headers did the damage. Forward Raul Albis popped the opening Spanish goal past keeper Anders Almgren, via a Stefan Kullberg deflection, on the halfhour. Three minutes later Moya headed home a second from a pass by Roberto. In the second half it took fine saves by Valladolid keeper Mauro Ravnic to foil Karlstrom and Fjallstrom — who also scraped a shot just the wrong side of the post.

UEFA CUP
Second rnd, first legs
(October 18 unless stated)

Antwerp 4 (Ralf Geilenkirchen 22, Frans Van Rooij 23, 31, Nico Claesen 47)
Dundee Utd 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Gerger (Cz).
Played Oct 17.

Antwerp: De Coninck — Kiekens, Broeckaert, Emmerechts, Smidts, Lehnhoff (Czerniatynski 80), Schrooten, Van Rooij, Quaranta, Geilenkirchen, Claesen.

Dundee Utd: Thomson — Clark, Narey, Malpas, McInally, Bowman, McKinlay, Jackson (O'Neill 63), Paatelainen, Hagerty (Van der Hoorn 50), Gallacher.

Vienna 2 (Thomas Niederstrasser 29, Anton Haiden 84)
Olympiakos Piraeus 2 (Pavac Tsaluhidis 35, Alexis Alexiou 69)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Dimitrov (Bul).
Played Oct 17.

Vienna: Angerer — Salaba (Kammerhofer 62), Ondrq, Niederstrasser — Russ, Haiden, Glatzmayer, Vidreis, Jenisch — Balzis, Schober (Drabits 46).

Olympiakos: Talikriadis — Apostolakis, Alexiou, Karataidis — Tsiandakis, Tsaluhidis, Detari (Hantsidis 88), Savidis, Kalogeropulos, Mitropulos — Anastopulos (Mustakidis 76).

Brugge 1 (Hans Christiaens 20)
Rapid Vienna 2 (Keglevits 63, Pfeiffenberger 89)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Syme (Sc)

Fiorentina 0
Sochaux 0
Att: 19,000 (in Perugia). **Ref:** Nemeth (Hun)

Fiorentina: Landucci — Pioli, Pin, Faccenda, Volpecina — Battistini, Dunga, Baggio, Kubik — Buso, Dertycia.

Sochaux: Rousset — Crocci, Hadzibegic, Laurey, Tihy — Silvestre, Lucas, Bazdarevic, Thomas — Carrasco (Morin 64), Lada (Oudjani 72).

Hibernian 0
Liege 0
Att: 21,000. **Ref:** Bakker (Hol)

Hibernian: Goram — Kane, Sneddon (Orr 62), Cooper, Mitchell, Hunter, Weir (Archibald 67), Hamilton, Houchen, Collins, Evans.

Liege: Munaron — Wegria, Waseige, Habrant, De Sart, Giusto, Boffin, Houben, Varga, Bosman, Ernes.

Kiev Dynamo 3 (Alexeir Mikhailichenko 33, Vladimir Bessonov 54, Gennadi Litovchenko 79)
Banik Ostrava 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 45,000. **Ref:** Igna (Rum)

Koln 3 (Ralf Sturm 33, Armin Gortz 40, Frank Ordenewitz 71)
Spartak Moscow 1 (Fyodor Cherenkov 31)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Spillane (RI)

Paris Saint-Germain 0
Juventus 1 (Rui Barros 66)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 29,000. **Ref:** Blankenstein (Hol)

Paris: Bats — Bibard (Llacer 68), Sene, Jeannol, Tanasi — Charbonnier, Bosser (Bravo 68), Calderon, Susic — Zlatko Vujovic, Perez.

Juventus: Tacconi — Napoli, Bonetti, Fortunato, De Agostini, Aleinikov, Galia, Marocchi, Zavarov, Rui Barros, Schillaci (Casiraghi 85).

This match was marred by hooligan violence before and during the match. Most seriously, beforehand, a group of French 'fans' peppered the Juventus team bus with missiles, smashing the windscreen. Juventus coach Dino Zoff said: "They greeted us like savages." He had the last laugh when Rui Barros scored the only goal of the game.

Porto 3 (Rui Aguas 7, 48, Madjer 69)
Valencia 1 (Arroyo 60)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 45,000. **Ref:** Girard (Fr)

Red Star Belgrade 4 (Dejan Savicevic 30, Dragan Kanatlarovski 31, Darko Pancev 33, Milos Drizic 56)
Zhalgiris Vilnius 1 (Arminas Narbekovas 70)
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 65,000. **Ref:** Nikakis (Gr)

RoPs 0
Auxerre 5 (Didier Otokore 1, Enzo Scifo 65, 71, Raphael Guerreiro 86, Christophe Cocard 89)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 4,036. **Ref:** Peschel (EG)

RoPs: Vikman — Europaeus — Tolvanen, Ollila, Autti — Kallio, Tauriainen, Nieminen — Tegelberg, Dunkley, Karila.

Auxerre: Martini — Barret, Mazzolini, Boli, Catalano — Otokore (Cocard 76), Scifo, Matysik, Guerreiro — K Kovacs, Vahirua (Dutuel 80).

Sion 2 (Jean-Paul Brigger 48, Blaise Piffaretti 66)
Karl-Marx-Stadt 1 (Laudeley 24)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 12,000. **Ref:** Lo Bello (It).

Werder Bremen 5 (Frank Neubarth 14, Gunter Hermann 23, Karlheinz Riedle 58, Wynton Rufer 72, Michael Kutzop 76 pen)
FK Austria 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 15,178. **Ref:** Halle (Nor)

Wettingen 0
Napoli 0
Att: 24,000. **Ref:** Craciunescu (Rum).
Played in Zurich.

Zaragoza 1 (Nasko Sirakov 88)
Hamburg 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 15,500. **Ref:** Kaupe (Aus)

Zenit Leningrad 0
Stuttgart 1 (Karl Allgower 87)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Tuere (Tur)

WEST GERMANY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Köln	12	7	4	1	20	13	18
Bayern	12	7	3	2	27	11	17
Bayer L.	12	6	5	1	17	7	17
Stuttgart	12	6	3	3	16	11	15
Nurnberg	12	6	2	4	18	11	14
Eintracht F.	12	6	2	4	21	15	14
Borussia D.	12	6	2	4	14	9	14
Waldof	12	6	1	5	16	18	13
Borussia M.	12	3	5	4	11	12	11
Hamburg	12	4	3	5	14	16	11
Bayer U.	12	4	2	6	19	19	10
Werder	12	2	6	4	13	10	10
Homburg	12	3	4	5	9	14	10
Kaiserslautern	12	3	3	6	18	34	9
Fortuna	12	2	5	5	16	21	9
St. Pauli	12	2	5	5	8	18	8
Bochum	12	3	2	7	13	23	8
Karlsruhe	12	1	5	6	9	23	7

AUSTRIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tirol	14	8	6	0	32	14	22
FK Austria	14	10	1	3	33	15	21
Rapid	14	7	4	3	27	17	18
Admira	14	7	3	4	32	26	17
Sturm Graz	14	3	8	3	13	9	14
Austria S.	14	2	9	3	16	18	13
First Vienna	14	4	5	5	22	25	13
Vorwärts	14	3	7	4	18	22	13
St. Pölten	14	4	4	6	14	23	12
Kremser	14	4	2	8	15	26	10
Grazer AK	14	3	3	8	11	21	9
Wiener SK	14	2	2	10	10	27	6

SWITZERLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Neuchatel Xamax	15	9	2	4	31	24	20
Sion	15	7	5	3	2	17	19
St. Gall	15	5	8	2	27	18	18
Grasshoppers	15	7	3	5	21	15	17
Lucerne	15	5	5	5	28	24	15
Lugano	15	6	3	6	28	26	15
Servette	15	5	5	5	22	23	15
Young Boys	15	5	4	6	22	23	14
Lausanne	15	4	5	6	17	20	13
Wettingen	15	5	2	8	11	19	12
Aarau	15	4	3	8	14	21	11
Bellinzona	15	4	3	8	19	32	11

FRANCE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bordeaux	13	9	2	2	18	5	20
Marseille	12	8	2	2	25	9	18
Sochaux	13	8	2	3	20	12	18
Toulouse	13	6	4	3	18	11	16
Paris SG	13	6	4	3	18	17	16
Nantes	13	4	5	4	16	13	13
Monaco	12	3	7	2	9	7	13
Lyon	13	6	1	6	18	20	13
Toulon	13	4	5	4	10	14	13
Caen	13	5	2	6	13	16	12
Auxerre	13	4	3	6	15	15	11
Mulhouse	13	4	3	6	14	14	11
Nice	13	2	7	4	17	21	11
Montpelier	13	5	1	7	15	19	11
St Etienne	13	5	1	7	13	17	11
Lille	13	4	3	6	12	16	11
Metz	13	2	7	4	11	14	11
Racing P.	13	3	5	5	17	23	11
Cannes	13	4	2	7	14	19	10
Brest	13	4	0	9	7	18	8

MALTA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Valletta	3	3	0	0	7	0	6
Sliema	3	2	0	1	7	2	4
Floriana	3	2	0	1	5	2	4
Hibernians	3	1	1	1	1	2	3
Hamrun	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Naxxar	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Zebbug	3	0	1	1	0	1	1
Tarxien	2	0	1	1	0	1	1
Zurrieq	3	0	1	2	2	9	1

PORTUGAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sporting	5	4	1	0	7	2	9
Porto	5	4	0	1	10	2	8
Benfica	4	3	1	0	17	2	7
Boavista	5	3	1	1	14	7	7
Amadora	5	2	1	1	8	4	7
Guimaraes	5	2	2	1	8	6	6
Chaves	6	2	2	2	9	9	6
Tirsense	5	1	3	1	3	3	5
Belenenses	5	2	1	2	5	6	5
Feirense	5	2	1	2	2	5	5
Braga	4	2	0	2	4	4	4
Setubal	3	2	0	1	5	3	4
Portimonense	5	1	2	2	7	12	4
Maritimo	5	0	3	2	5	7	3
Beira Mar	6	0	3	3	2	10	3
Nacional	5	0	2	3	7	11	2
Uniao	5	0	2	3	3	9	2
Penafiel	5	0	1	4	3	14	1

SPAIN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Real Madrid	7	4	2	1	17	6	10
Sevilla	7	4	2	1	8	4	10
Atletico Madrid	7	4	2	1	8	5	10
Oviedo	7	3	3	1	13	6	9
Athletic Bilbao	7	3	3	1	7	4	9
Osasuna	7	4	1	2	10	7	9
Barcelona	7	4	0	3	16	7	8
Zaragoza	7	3	2	2	13	10	8
Mallorca	7	2	4	1	5	4	8
Logrones	7	4	0	3	5	7	8
Valladolid	7	3	1	3	6	4	7
Malaga	7	2	3	2	5	7	7
Real Sociedad	7	3	1	3	5	8	7
Valencia	7	1	4	2	10	13	6
Tenerife	7	1	4	2	6	9	6
Celta	7	1	3	3	5	8	5
Castellon	7	1	3	3	3	7	5
Rayo Vallecano	7	1	2	4	5	15	4
Cadiz	7	1	1	5	4	12	3
Gijon	7	0	1	6	2	10	1

BELGIUM

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Anderlecht	8	6	2	0	22	3	14
Mechelen	8	5	3	0	15	3	13
Brugge	8	4	3	1	13	8	11
Cercle	8	5	0	3	12	11	10
Courtrai	8	4	2	2	12	12	10
Antwerp	8	3	4	1	14	7	10
Gent	8	4	1	3	13	11	9
Standard	8	2	5	1	10	6	9
Lokeren	8	3	2	3	12	14	8
Charleroi	8	3	1	4	10	9	7
Beerschot	8	2	3	3	7	11	7
Beveren	8	2	3	3	7	11	7
Lierse	8	2	3	3	6	15	7
Waregem	8	2	2	4	8	15	6
Liegt	8	2	2	4	4	62	6
Ekeren	8	2	1	5	9	12	5
St. Trond	8	0	3	5	3	14	3
Racing M.	8	0	2	6	6	15	2

HOLLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
PSV	9	6	2	1	36	12	14
Roda JC	10	5	4	1	16	10	14
RKC	10	5	3	2	16	12	13
FC Utrecht	10	6	0	4	13	10	12
Fortuna Sit	10	4	4	2	8	5	12
Ajax	10	4	3	3	21	10	11
FC Twente	10	2	7	1	9	8	11
Volendam	10	4	3	3	15	15	11
Vitesse	10	3	4	3	17	13	10
MVV	10	4	2	4	16	24	10
FC Groningen	9	2	5	2	12	11	9
Willem II	10	3	3	4	19	18	9
FC Den Haaga	9	3	1	5	14	23	7
Sparta	9	2	3	4	10	21	7
Feyenoord	10	2	3	5	13	19	7
NEC	10	2	3	5	13	22	7
Haarlem	10	2	2	6	11	17	6
BVV Den Bosch	10	1	4	5	5	14	6

LEAGUE TABLES — SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA

Argentina: National A Division

	P	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pts
River Plate	7	4	2	1	6	2	10
Independiente	7	3	3	1	12	8	9
Rosario Central	6	4	1	1	7	3	9
Gimnasia y Esg	7	3	2	2	6	3	8
Deportivo Espanol	7	3	2	2	8	6	8
Estudiantes de La Plata	7	1	6	–	6	4	8
Dep. Mandiyu (*)	6	2	4	–	3	1	8
Racing (Avellaneda)	7	2	3	2	6	7	7
Boca Juniors	6	2	3	1	4	3	7
Newell's OB.	7	2	3	2	4	4	7
Velez Sarsfield	7	2	3	2	4	5	7
Talleres Cordoba	7	2	3	2	6	6	7
San Lorenzo	7	2	2	3	4	6	6
Ferro Carril Oeste	7	2	2	3	3	4	6
Racing Cordoba	7	2	2	3	5	8	6
Instituto Cordoba (*)	6	1	3	2	4	7	5
Union Santa Fe	7	–	5	2	6	9	5
Chaco For Ever	7	1	3	3	5	7	5
Argentinos Juniors	7	1	2	4	4	7	4
Platense	7	2	–	5	7	10	4

(*) Instituto leads 1–0 in suspended match.

BRAZIL: National Championship (first division)

Group A: 1) Internacional (Limeira) 5 pts; 2) Botafogo, Corinthians, Internacional (P.Alegre) 4; 5) Guarani, Sao Paulo FC 3; 7) Atletico Curitiba, Flamengo 2; 9) Nautico Recife, Victoria, Atletico Mineiro 1.

Group B: Vasco Da Gama 5; 2) Fluminenese, Goias, Palmeiras 4; 5) Curitiba 3; 6) Bahia, Gremio, Portuguesa, Cruzeiro 2; 10) Santos, Sport Recife 1.

COLOMBIA: Professional League (3rd stage – Campeonato Finalizacion)

1) Deportivo Cali, Millonaires, Independiente Medellin 15 points; 4) Nacional 14; 5) America 13; 6) Quindio 12; 7) Union Magdalena 10; 8) Bucaramanga, Pereira, Independiente Santa Fe 9; 11) Atletico Junior, Deportes Caldas 8; 13) Cucuta 7; 14) Sporting Barranquilla, Tolima 4.

Overall (top 8 qualify for championship round): 1) Millonarios 42 pts; 2) America 39; 3) Independiente Medellin 38; 4) At. Junior 37; 5) Nacional, Union Magdalena 31; 7) Deportivo Cali 30; 8) Independiente Santa Fe 29; 9) Quindio 28; 10) Pereira 27; 11) Dep. Caldas 23; 12) Bucaramanga 21; 13) Tolima 16; 14) Cucuta 15; 15) Sporting 8.

ECUADOR : Division A Championship (2nd stage) – final standings

Section A	P	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pts
Maraca	10	4	3	3	19	13	11
Aucas	10	4	3	3	17	15	11
Delfin	10	5	1	4	12	14	11
Nacional	10	3	4	3	12	9	10
Emelec	10	4	1	5	11	15	9
Dep.Cuenca	10	4	–	6	11	16	8
Section B							
Filanbanco	10	6	1	3	21	14	15
Liga Univ. de Quito	10	4	4	2	10	8	12
Deportivo Quito	10	4	3	3	14	8	11
Barcelona	10	3	4	3	9	11	10
Tecnico Universitario	10	1	6	3	8	14	9
Univers. Portoviejo	10	1	4	5	8	15	6

Section winners Macara and Filanbanco qualified for final round together with Nacional, Barcelona, Deportivo Quito and Emelec who had qualified from previous round.

NORWAY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lillestrom	22	16	4	2	31	13	52
Rosenborg	22	13	5	4	56	29	44
Tromsö	22	11	4	7	36	25	37
Molde	22	11	4	7	40	32	37
Kongsvinger	22	10	4	8	34	25	34
Viking	22	9	4	9	36	33	31
Brann	22	9	3	10	28	32	30
Moss	22	7	5	10	35	36	26
Start	22	5	8	9	26	34	23
Vaalerengen	22	7	2	13	29	52	23
Sogndal	22	4	6	12	31	45	18
Mjölner	22	4	3	15	23	50	15

FAROES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
B 71	18	13	5	0	37	13	31
HB	18	8	6	4	43	30	22
B 68	18	7	8	3	25	20	22
VB	18	8	5	5	33	21	21
KI	18	8	5	5	36	32	21
B 36	18	8	3	7	27	26	19
GI	18	7	2	9	28	33	16
SIF	18	5	5	8	24	29	15
IF	18	2	6	10	11	30	10
LIF	18	0	3	15	8	38	3

HUNGARY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MTK–VM	10	7	0	3	14	7	21
Ujpest Dozsa	10	7	0	3	13	7	21
Ferencvaros	10	5	3	2	16	8	18
Vasas	10	5	3	2	13	8	18
Pecs	10	4	5	1	18	8	17
Honved Budapest	10	4	3	3	11	9	15
Videoton	10	4	3	3	7	9	15
Siofok	10	3	4	3	9	10	13
Haladas	10	3	4	3	12	14	13
Debrecen	10	3	3	4	7	9	12
Veszprem	10	2	6	2	6	8	12
Tatabanya	10	3	1	6	4	8	10
Raba Eto Gyor	10	2	2	6	9	11	8
VAC	10	1	5	4	7	11	8
Bekescsaba	10	2	2	6	5	14	8
Csepel	10	0	6	4	5	15	6

FINLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kuusysi	27	17	7	3	51	23	41
TPS	27	15	9	3	46	21	39
RoPS	27	12	10	5	45	27	34
Haka	27	12	6	9	38	30	30
HJK	27	11	7	9	36	28	29
Ilves	27	10	6	11	45	43	26

1988-90 EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP

Group 1

18.10.88	Greece v Denmark	2-2
18.10.88	Bulgaria v Rumania	2-1
1.11.88	Denmark v Bulgaria	1-3
1.11.88	Rumania v Greece	2-0
25. 4.89	Bulgaria v Denmark	6-0
25. 4.89	Greece v Rumania	1-0
16. 5.89	Denmark v Greece	3-0
16. 5.89	Rumania v Bulgaria	2-1
10.10.89	Denmark v Rumania	1-2
10.10.89	Bulgaria v Greece	2-0
14.11.89	Rumania v Denmark	
14.11.89	Greece v Bulgaria	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bulgaria	5	4	0	1	14	4	8
Rumania	5	3	0	2	7	5	6
Denmark	5	1	1	3	7	13	3
Greece	5	1	1	3	3	9	3

Group 2

18.10.88	England v Sweden	1-1
18.10.88	Poland v Albania	0-0
4.11.88	Albania v Sweden	0-2
7. 3.89	Albania v England	0-2
25. 4.89	England v Albania	2-1
6. 5.89	Sweden v Poland	4-0
2. 6.89	England v Poland	2-1
5. 9.89	Sweden v England	1-0
7.10.89	Sweden v Albania	1-0
10.10.89	Poland v England	1-3
24.10.89	Poland v Sweden	
14.11.89	Poland v Sweden	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sweden	5	4	1	0	9	1	9
England	6	4	1	1	10	5	9
Albania	5	0	1	4	1	7	1
Poland	4	0	1	3	2	9	1

Group 3

18.10.88	Soviet Union v Austria	2-2
1.11.88	Austria v Turkey	3-0
29.11.88	Turkey v East Germany	3-2
11. 4.89	East Germany v Turkey	0-0
25. 4.89	Soviet Union v East Germany	1-0
9. 5.89	Turkey v Soviet Union	0-3
19. 5.89	East Germany v Austria	2-0
5. 9.89	Austria v Soviet Union	0-2
7.10.89	East Germany v Soviet Union	3-2
24.10.89	Turkey v Austria	
7.11.89	Soviet Union v Turkey	
14.11.89	Austria v East Germany	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Soviet Union	5	3	1	1	10	5	7
East Germany	5	2	1	2	7	6	5
Austria	4	1	1	2	5	6	3
Turkey	4	1	1	2	3	8	3

Group 4

30. 8.88	Finland v West Germany	0-3
13. 9.88	Iceland v Holland	1-1
28. 9.88	Finland v Iceland	2-1
18.10.88	West Germany v Holland	2-0
25. 4.89	Holland v West Germany	0-1
30. 5.89	Finland v Holland	1-1
31. 5.89	Iceland v West Germany	1-1
5. 9.89	Iceland v Finland	4-0
3.10.89	West Germany v Finland	2-0
10.10.89	Holland v Iceland	2-3
25.10.89	West Germany v Iceland	
14.11.89	Holland v Finland	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Germany	5	4	1	0	9	1	9
Iceland	5	2	2	1	10	6	6
Finland	5	1	1	3	3	11	3
Holland	5	0	2	3	4	8	2

Group 5

13. 9.88	Norway v Scotland	1-1
27. 9.88	France v Norway	2-0
18.10.88	Scotland v Yugoslavia	0-2
18.11.88	Yugoslavia v France	2-2
7. 3.89	Scotland v France	2-3
24. 4.89	France v Yugoslavia	0-1
13. 6.89	Norway v Yugoslavia	0-1
5. 9.89	Norway v France	1-1
5. 9.89	Yugoslavia v Scotland	4-1
10.10.89	Yugoslavia v Norway	0-1
10.10.89	France v Scotland	3-1
14.11.89	Scotland v Norway	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yugoslavia	6	4	1	1	10	4	9
France	6	3	2	1	11	7	8
Norway	5	1	2	2	3	5	4
Scotland	5	0	1	4	5	13	1

Group 6

11.12.88	Cyprus v Hungary	0-0
22. 3.89	Cyprus v Spain	0-1
12. 4.89	Hungary v Cyprus	1-0
31. 5.89	Spain v Cyprus	1-0
10.10.89	Hungary v Spain	1-0
14.11.89	Spain v Hungary	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hungary	3	2	1	0	2	0	5
Spain	3	2	0	1	2	1	4
Cyprus	4	0	1	3	0	3	1

Group 7

15.11.88	Czechoslovakia v Belgium	0-3
14. 2.89	Portugal v Belgium	1-1
5. 4.89	Czechoslovakia v Luxembourg	4-0
25. 4.89	Portugal v Luxembourg	1-0
29. 4.89	Belgium v Czechoslovakia	1-1
26. 5.89	Luxembourg v Belgium	0-0
5. 9.89	Belgium v Portugal	1-1
5.10.89	Czechoslovakia v Portugal	1-0
9.10.89	Luxembourg v Portugal	0-3
24.10.89	Belgium v Luxembourg	
14.11.89	Portugal v Luxembourg	
29.11.89	Luxembourg v Czechoslovakia	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	5	1	4	0	6	3	6
Czechoslovakia	4	2	1	1	6	4	5
Portugal	5	2	2	1	6	3	6
Luxembourg	4	0	1	3	0	9	1

Group 8

26. 4.89	Switzerland v Italy	0-0
6. 6.89	San Marino v Switzerland	0-5
4.10.89	San Marino v Italy	0-2
25.10.89	Italy v Switzerland	
14.11.89	Switzerland v San Marino	
29.11.89	Italy v San Marino	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Switzerland	2	1	1	0	5	0	3
Italy	2	1	1	0	2	0	3
San Marino	2	0	0	2	0	7	0

WORLD CUP RESULTS AND TABLES

EUROPE

GROUP 1

9.10.88	Greece v Denmark	1-1
19.10.88	Bulgaria v Rumania	1-3
2.11.88	Rumania v Greece	3-0
2.11.88	Denmark v Bulgaria	1-1
26. 4.89	Greece v Rumania	0-0
26. 4.89	Bulgaria v Denmark	0-2
17. 5.89	Rumania v Bulgaria	1-0
17. 5.89	Denmark v Greece	7-1
11.10.89	Bulgaria v Greece	4-0
11.10.89	Denmark v Rumania	3-0
15.11.89	Greece v Bulgaria	
15.11.89	Rumania v Denmark	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Denmark	5	3	2	0	14	3	8
Rumania	5	3	1	1	7	4	7
Bulgaria	5	1	1	3	6	7	3
Greece	5	0	2	3	2	15	2

GROUP 2

19.10.88	England v Sweden	0-0
19.10.88	Poland v Albania	1-0
5.11.88	Albania v Sweden	1-2
8. 3.89	Albania v England	0-2
26. 4.89	England v Albania	5-0
7. 5.89	Sweden v Poland	2-1
3. 6.89	England v Poland	3-0
6. 9.89	Sweden v England	0-0
8.10.89	Sweden v Albania	3-1
11.10.89	Poland v England	0-0
25.10.89	Poland v Sweden	
15.11.89	Albania v Poland	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	6	3	3	0	10	0	9
Sweden	5	3	2	0	7	3	8
Poland	4	1	1	2	2	5	3
Albania	5	0	0	5	2	13	0

ENGLAND qualify for the finals.

GROUP 3

31. 8.88	Iceland v Soviet Union	1-1
12.10.88	Turkey v Iceland	1-1
19.10.88	Soviet Union v Austria	2-0
19.10.88	East Germany v Iceland	2-0
2.11.88	Austria v Turkey	3-2
30.11.88	Turkey v East Germany	3-1
12. 4.89	East Germany v Turkey	0-2
26. 4.89	Soviet Union v East Germany	3-0
10. 5.89	Turkey v Soviet Union	0-1
20. 5.89	East Germany v Austria	1-1
31. 5.89	Soviet Union v Iceland	1-1
14. 6.89	Iceland v Austria	0-0
23. 8.89	Austria v Iceland	2-1
6. 9.89	Austria v Soviet Union	0-0
6. 9.89	Iceland v East Germany	0-3
20. 9.89	Iceland v Turkey	2-1
8.10.89	East Germany v Soviet Union	2-1
25.10.89	Turkey v Austria	
8.11.89	Soviet Union v Turkey	
15.11.89	Austria v East Germany	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Soviet Union	7	3	3	1	9	4	9
Austria	6	2	3	1	6	6	7
East Germany	7	3	1	3	9	10	7
Iceland	8	1	4	3	6	11	6
Turkey	6	2	1	3	9	8	5

GROUP 4

31. 8.88	Finland v West Germany	0-4
14. 9.88	Holland v Wales	1-0
19.10.88	Wales v Finland	2-2
19.10.88	West Germany v Holland	0-0
26. 4.89	Holland v West Germany	1-1
31. 5.89	Wales v West Germany	0-0
31. 5.89	Finland v Holland	0-1
6. 9.89	Finland v Wales	1-0
4.10.89	West Germany v Finland	6-1
11.10.89	Wales v Holland	1-2
15.11.89	West Germany v Wales	
15.11.89	Holland v Finland	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Holland	5	3	2	0	5	2	8
West Germany	5	2	3	0	11	2	7
Finland	5	1	1	3	4	13	3
Wales	2	0	2	3	3	6	2

GROUP 5

14. 9.88	Norway v Scotland	1-2
28. 9.88	France v Norway	1-0
19.10.88	Scotland v Yugoslavia	1-1
22.10.88	Cyprus v France	1-1
2.11.88	Cyprus v Norway	0-3
19.11.88	Yugoslavia v France	3-2
11.12.88	Yugoslavia v Cyprus	4-0
8. 2.89	Cyprus v Scotland	2-3
8. 3.89	Scotland v France	2-0
26. 4.89	Scotland v Cyprus	2-1
29. 4.89	France v Yugoslavia	0-0
21. 5.89	Norway v Cyprus	3-1
14. 6.89	Norway v Yugoslavia	1-2
5. 9.89	Norway v France	1-1
6. 9.89	Yugoslavia v Scotland	3-1
11.10.89	Yugoslavia v Norway	1-0
11.10.89	France v Scotland	3-0
28.10.89	Cyprus v Yugoslavia	
15.11.89	Scotland v Norway	
18.11.89	France v Cyprus	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yugoslavia	7	5	2	0	14	5	12
Scotland	7	4	1	2	11	11	9
France	7	2	3	2	8	7	7
Norway	7	2	1	4	9	8	5
Cyprus	6	0	1	5	5	16	1

YUGOSLAVIA qualify for the finals.

GROUP 6

21. 5.88	Northern Ireland v Malta	3-0
14. 9.88	Northern Ireland v Rep. Ireland	0-0
19.10.88	Hungary v Northern Ireland	1-0
16.11.88	Spain v Rep. Ireland	2-0
11.12.88	Malta v Hungary	2-2
21.12.88	Spain v Northern Ireland	4-0
22. 1.89	Malta v Spain	0-2
8. 2.89	Northern Ireland v Spain	0-2
8. 3.89	Hungary v Rep. Ireland	0-0
22. 3.89	Spain v Malta	4-0
12. 4.89	Hungary v Malta	1-1
26. 4.89	Malta v Northern Ireland	0-2
26. 4.89	Rep. Ireland v Spain	1-0
28. 5.89	Rep. Ireland v Malta	2-0
4. 6.89	Rep. Ireland v Hungary	2-0
6. 9.89	Northern Ireland v Hungary	1-2
11.10.89	Hungary v Spain	2-2
11.10.89	Rep. Ireland v Northern Ireland	3-0
15.11.89	Spain v Hungary	
15.11.89	Malta v Rep. Ireland	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	7	5	1	1	16	3	11
Rep. Ireland	7	4	2	1	8	2	10
Hungary	7	2	4	1	8	8	8
Northern Ireland	8	2	1	5	6	12	5
Malta	7	0	2	5	3	16	2

SPAIN qualify for the finals.

GROUP 7

1. 9.88	Luxembourg v Switzerland	1-4
19.10.88	Luxembourg v Czechoslovakia	0-2
19.10.88	Belgium v Switzerland	1-0
16.11.88	Czechoslovakia v Belgium	0-0
16.11.88	Portugal v Luxembourg	1-0
15. 2.89	Portugal v Belgium	1-1
26. 4.89	Portugal v Switzerland	3-1
30. 4.89	Belgium v Czechoslovakia	2-1
19. 5.89	Czechoslovakia v Luxembourg	4-0
1. 6.89	Luxembourg v Belgium	0-5
7. 6.89	Switzerland v Czechoslovakia	0-1
6. 9.89	Belgium v Portugal	3-0
20. 9.89	Switzerland v Portugal	1-2
6.10.89	Czechoslovakia v Portugal	2-1
11.10.89	Luxembourg v Portugal	0-3
11.10.89	Switzerland v Belgium	2-2
25.10.89	Czechoslovakia v Switzerland	
25.10.89	Belgium v Luxembourg	
15.11.89	Portugal v Czechoslovakia	
15.11.89	Switzerland v Luxembourg	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	7	4	3	0	14	4	11
Czechoslovakia	6	4	1	1	10	3	9
Portugal	7	3	1	2	11	8	9
Switzerland	6	1	1	4	8	10	3
Luxembourg	6	0	0	6	1	19	0

Winners and runners-up from groups 3, 5, 6 and 7 qualify for the finals along with the winners of groups 1, 2 and 4 plus the two runners-up from groups 1, 2, and 4 with the best comparative records.

AFRICA

ROUND 1

7. 8.88	Angola v Sudan	0-0
11.11.88	Sudan v Angola	1-2
	Angola 2-1 on agg	
	Zimbabwe w/o v Lesotho	
	Zambia w/o v Rwanda (withdrew)	
16. 7.88	Uganda v Malawi	1-0
30. 7.88	Malawi v Uganda	3-1
	Malawi 3-2 on agg	
3. 6.89	Libya v Burkino Faso	3-0
3. 7.89	Burkino Faso v Libya	2-0
	Libya 3-2 on agg	
7. 8.88	Ghana v Liberia	0-0
21. 8.88	Liberia v Ghana	2-0
	Liberia 2-0 on agg	
5. 8.88	Tunisia v Guinea	5-0
21. 8.88	Guinea v Tunisia	3-0
	Tunisia 5-3 on agg	
	Gabon w/o v Togo	

ROUND 2

Group A

6. 1.89	Algeria v Zimbabwe	3-0
22. 1.89	Zimbabwe v Ivory Coast	0-0
11. 6.89	Ivory Coast v Algeria	0-0
25. 6.89	Zimbabwe v Algeria	1-2
13. 8.89	Ivory Coast v Zimbabwe	5-0
25. 8.89	Algeria v Ivory Coast	1-0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Algeria	4	3	1	0	6	1	7
Ivory Coast	4	1	2	1	5	1	4
Zimbabwe	4	0	1	3	1	10	1

Group B

6. 1.89	Egypt v Liberia	2-0
7. 1.89	Kenya v Malawi	1-1
21. 1.89	Malawi v Egypt	1-1
22. 1.89	Liberia v Kenya	0-0
10. 6.89	Kenya v Egypt	0-0
11. 6.89	Liberia v Malawi	1-0
24. 6.89	Malawi v Kenya	1-0
25. 6.89	Liberia v Egypt	1-0
11. 8.89	Egypt v Malawi	1-0
12. 8.89	Kenya v Liberia	1-0
25. 8.89	Egypt v Kenya	2-0
26. 8.89	Malawi v Liberia	0-0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Egypt	6	3	2	1	6	2	8
Liberia	6	2	2	2	2	3	6
Malawi	6	1	3	2	3	4	5
Kenya	6	1	3	2	2	4	5

Group C

7. 1.89	Nigeria v Gabon	1-0
8. 1.89	Cameroon v Angola	1-1
22. 1.89	Gabon v Cameroon	1-3
22. 1.89	Angola v Nigeria	2-2
10. 6.89	Nigeria v Cameroon	2-0
10. 6.89	Angola v Gabon	2-0
25. 6.89	Angola v Cameroon	1-2
25. 6.89	Gabon v Nigeria	2-1
12. 8.89	Nigeria v Angola	1-0
13. 8.89	Cameroon v Gabon	2-1
27. 8.89	Cameroon v Nigeria	1-0
27. 8.89	Gabon v Angola	1-0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cameroon	6	4	1	1	9	6	9
Nigeria	6	3	1	2	7	5	7
Angola	6	1	2	3	6	7	4
Gabon	6	2	0	4	5	9	4

Group D

8. 1.89	Morocco v Zambia	1-0
8. 1.89	Zaire v Tunisia	3-1
22. 1.89	Tunisia v Morocco	2-1
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25. 8.89	Tunisia v Zambia	1-0
27. 8.89	Morocco v Zaire	1-1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tunisia	6	3	1	2	5	5	7
Zambia	6	3	0	3	7	6	6
Zaire	6	2	2	2	7	7	6
Morocco	6	1	3	2	4	5	5

ROUND 3

8.10.89	Algeria v Egypt	0-0
8.10.89	Cameroon v Tunisia	2-0
22.10.89	Egypt v Algeria	
19.11.89	Tunisia v Cameroon	

Aggregate winners of each tie qualify for the finals.

ASIA

WEST ASIA

Group 1: Jordan, Iraq, Oman, Qatar.

6. 1.89	Qatar v Jordan	1-0
6. 1.89	Oman v Iraq	1-1
13. 1.89	Oman v Qatar	0-0
13. 1.89	Jordan v Iraq	0-1
20. 1.89	Jordan v Oman	2-0
20. 1.89	Qatar v Iraq	1-0
27. 1.89	Jordan v Qatar	1-1
27. 1.89	Iraq v Oman	3-1
3. 2.89	Qatar v Oman	3-0
3. 2.89	Iraq v Jordan	4-0
10. 2.89	Oman v Jordan	0-2
10. 2.89	Iraq v Qatar	2-2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Qatar	6	3	3	0	8	3	9
Iraq	6	3	2	1	11	5	8
Jordan	6	2	1	3	5	7	5
Oman	6	0	2	4	2	11	2

Group 2 (Bahrain withdrew)

10. 3.89	Yemen AR v Syria	0-1
15. 3.89	Saudi Arabia v Syria	5-4
20. 3.89	Yemen AR v Saudi Arabia	0-1
25. 3.89	Syria v Yemen AR	2-0
30. 3.89	Syria v Saudi Arabia	0-0
5. 4.89	Saudi Arabia v Yemen AR	1-0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
S. Arabia	4	3	1	0	7	4	7
Syria	4	2	1	1	7	5	5
Yemen AR	4	0	0	4	0	5	0

Group 3: UAE, Kuwait, Pakistan (RP 'South' Yemen withdrew).

6. 1.89	Pakistan v Kuwait	0-1
13. 1.89	Kuwait v UAE	3-2
20. 1.89	UAE v Pakistan	5-0
27. 1.89	Kuwait v Pakistan	2-0
3. 2.89	UAE v Kuwait	1-0
10. 2.89	Pakistan v UAE	1-4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
UAE	4	3	0	1	12	4	6
Kuwait	4	3	0	1	6	3	6
Pakistan	4	0	0	4	1	2	0

EAST ASIA

Group 4: (India withdrew so Nepal switched from Group 5)

Following matches all in S. Korea:

23. 5.89	Malaysia v Nepal	2-0
23. 5.89	Singapore v S. Korea	0-3
25. 5.89	Malaysia v Singapore	1-0
25. 5.89	Nepal v S. Korea	0-9
27. 5.89	Singapore v Nepal	3-0
27. 5.89	S. Korea v Malaysia	3-0

Following matches all in Singapore:

3. 6.89	Singapore v Malaysia	2-2
3. 6.89	S. Korea v Nepal	4-0
5. 6.89	Malaysia v S. Korea	0-3
5. 6.89	Nepal v Singapore	0-7
7. 6.89	Singapore v S. Korea	0-3
7. 6.89	Malaysia v Nepal	3-0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Korea	6	6	0	0	25	0	12
Malaysia	6	3	1	2	8	8	7
Singapore	6	2	1	3	12	9	5
Nepal	6	0	0	6	0	28	0

Group 5

20. 2.89	Thailand v Bangladesh	1-0
23. 2.89	China v Bangladesh	2-0
23. 2.89	Thailand v Iran	0-3
27. 2.89	Bangladesh v Iran	1-2
28. 2.89	Thailand v China	0-3
4. 3.89	Bangladesh v China	0-2
8. 3.89	Bangladesh v Thailand	3-1
17. 3.89	Iran v Bangladesh	1-0
30. 5.89	Iran v Thailand	3-0
15. 7.89	China v Iran	2-0
22. 7.89	Iran v China	3-2
29. 7.89	China v Thailand	2-0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
China	6	5	0	1	13	3	10
Iran	6	5	0	1	12	7	10
Bangladesh	6	1	0	5	4	9	2
Thailand	6	1	0	5	2	14	2

Group 6

21. 5.89	Indonesia v N. Korea	0-0
21. 5.89	Hong Kong v Japan	0-0
27. 5.89	Hong Kong v N. Korea	1-2
28. 5.89	Indonesia v Japan	0-0
4. 6.89	Hong Kong v Indonesia	1-1
4. 6.89	Japan v N. Korea	2-1
11. 6.89	Japan v Indonesia	5-0
18. 6.89	Japan v Hong Kong	0-0
25. 6.89	Indonesia v Hong Kong	3-2
25. 6.89	N. Korea v Japan	2-0
2. 7.89	N. Korea v Hong Kong	4-1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
North Korea	5	3	1	1	9	4	7
Japan	6	2	3	1	7	3	7
Hong Kong	6	0	3	3	5	10	3
Indonesia	5	1	3	1	4	8	3

Round Two

(Play-off section in Singapore, except for UAE v S Korea in Kuala Lumpur and S Arabia v N Korea in Kuanton)

12.10.89	UAE v N Korea	0-0
12.10.89	China v Saudi Arabia	2-1
13.10.89	S Korea v Qatar	0-0
16.10.89	Qatar v Saudi Arabia	1-1
16.10.89	S Korea v N Korea	1-0
17.10.89	China v UAE	1-2
20.10.89	China v S Korea	
20.10.89	N Korea v Qatar	
21.10.89	Saudi Arabia v UAE	
24.10.89	UAE v Qatar	
24.10.89	N Korea v China	
25.10.89	Saudi Arabia v S Korea	
28.10.89	UAE v S Korea	
28.10.89	Saudi Arabia v N Korea	
28.10.89	Qatar v China	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Korea	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
UAE	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
Qatar	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
China	2	1	0	1	3	3	2
S. Arabia	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
N. Korea	2	0	1	1	0	1	1

NORTH/CENTRAL AMERICA

Round 1

19. 6.88	Antigua v Neth. Antilles	0-1
29. 7.88	Neth. Antilles v Antigua	3-1
	Neth. Antilles 4-1 on agg, aet	
12. 5.88	Jamaica v Puerto Rico	1-0
29. 5.88	Puerto Rico v Jamaica	1-2
	Jamaica 3-1 on agg	
17. 4.88	Guyana v Trinidad/Tobago	0-4
8. 5.88	Trinidad/Tobago v Guyana	1-0
	Trinidad/Tobago 5-0 on agg	
17. 7.88	Costa Rica v Panama	1-1
31. 7.88	Panama v Costa Rica	0-2
	Costa Rica 3-1 on agg	
30. 4.88	Cuba v Guatemala	0-1
15. 5.88	Guatemala v Cuba	1-1
	Guatemala 2-1 on agg	

Round Two

1.10.88	Neth. Antilles v El Salvador	0-1
16.10.88	El Salvador v Neth. Antilles	5-0
	El Salvador 6-0 on agg	
30.10.88	Trinidad/Tobago v Honduras	0-0
13.11.88	Honduras v Trinidad/Tobago	1-1
	Trinidad/Tobago on away goal: 1-1 agg	
24. 7.88	Jamaica v United States	0-0
13. 8.88	United States v Jamaica	5-1
	United States 5-1 on agg	
9.10.88	Guatemala v Canada	1-0
15.10.88	Canada v Guatemala	3-2
	Guatemala on away goals: 3-3 agg	
	Costa Rica w/o v Mexico	

Round Three

19. 3.89	Guatemala v Costa Rica	1-0
2. 4.89	Costa Rica v Guatemala	2-1
16. 4.89	Costa Rica v United States	1-0
30. 4.89	United States v Costa Rica	1-0
13. 5.89	United States v Trin/Tobago	1-1
28. 5.89	Trin/Tobago v Costa Rica	1-1
11. 6.89	Costa Rica v Trin/Tobago	1-0
17. 6.89	United States v Guatemala	2-1
25. 6.89	El Salvador v Costa Rica	2-4
16. 7.89	Costa Rica v El Salvador	1-0
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13. 8.89	El Salvador v Trin/Tobago	0-0
20. 8.89	Guatemala v Trin/Tobago	0-1
3. 9.89	Trin/Tobago v Guatemala	2-1
17. 9.89	El Salvador v United States	0-1
8.10.89	Guatemala v United States	0-0
5.11.89	United States v El Salvador	
18.11.89	Trin/Tobago v United States	
19.11.89	Guatemala v El Salvador	
26.11.89	El Salvador v Guatemala	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Costa Rica	8	5	1	2	10	6	11
Trin/Tobago	7	3	3	1	7	4	9
United States	6	3	2	1	5	3	8
Guatemala	6	1	1	4	4	7	3
El Salvador	5	0	1	4	2	8	1

COSTA RICA and US or Trinidad qualify for finals.

OCEANIA

Round 1

11.12.88	Taiwan v New Zealand	0-4
18.12.88	New Zealand v Taiwan	4-1
	New Zealand 8-1 on agg	
26.11.88	Fiji v Australia	1-0
3.12.88	Australia v Fiji	5-1
	Australia 5-2 on agg	

Round 2

5. 3.89	Israel v New Zealand	1-0
12. 3.89	Australia v New Zealand	4-1
19. 3.89	Israel v Australia	1-1
2. 4.89	New Zealand v Australia	2-0
9. 4.89	New Zealand v Israel	2-2
16. 4.89	Australia v Israel	1-1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Israel	4	1	3	0	5	4	5
Australia	4	1	2	1	6	5	4
N. Zealand	4	1	1	2	5	7	3

Israel qualified to play Columbia for place in the finals.

SOUTH AMERICA

Group 1

20. 8.89	Bolivia v Peru	2-1
27. 8.89	Peru v Uruguay	0-2
3. 9.89	Bolivia v Uruguay	2-1
10. 9.89	Peru v Bolivia	1-2
17. 9.89	Uruguay v Bolivia	2-0
24. 9.89	Uruguay v Peru	2-0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Uruguay	4	3	0	1	7	2	6
Bolivia	4	3	0	1	6	5	6
Peru	3	0	0	3	2	6	0

URUGUAY qualify for finals.

Group 2

20. 8.89	Colombia v Ecuador	2-0
27. 8.89	Paraguay v Colombia	2-1
3. 9.89	Ecuador v Colombia	0-0
10. 9.89	Paraguay v Ecuador	2-1
24. 9.89	Colombia v Paraguay	2-1
1.10.89	Ecuador v Paraguay	3-1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Colombia	4	2	1	1	4	3	5
Paraguay	4	2	0	2	5	6	4
Ecuador	4	1	1	2	3	3	3

Colombia qualified to play Israel for place in finals.

Group 3

30. 7.89	Venezuela v Brazil	1-3
6. 8.89	Venezuela v Chile	1-3
13. 8.89	Chile v Brazil	1-1
20. 8.89	Brazil v Venezuela	6-0
27. 8.89	Chile v Venezuela	5-0
3. 9.89	Brazil v Chile	2-0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brazil	4	3	1	0	12	2	7
Chile	4	2	1	1	9	4	5
Venezuela	4	0	0	4	2	17	0

BRAZIL qualified for the finals.

SOUTH AMERICA/OCEANIA

15.10.89	Colombia v Israel	1-0
30.10.89	Israel v Colombia	

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